

Ancient Independent Order of Moses.

Secret Societies-1935

ORDER OF MOSES HOLDING ANNUAL CONCLAVE HERE

Timeline
Election of Officers Slated
for Today; Session
Opened Tuesday

9-21-35
The fifty-eighth session of the Right Worthy National Supreme Grand Lodge, Ancient Independent Order of Moses opened in Washington, Tuesday, with a ~~public~~ session at the Moses Home, 1421 T Street, Northwest.

Reuben Minor, grand master, presided at the session and Elmira Henderson, past grand recording secretary, gave the welcoming address on behalf of the order; the Rev. J. M. Ellison welcomed the members on behalf of the church. The response was given by the Rev. Mr. Hackett of Virginia.

Host of Speakers

Others who took part in the opening program were William H. Westray, Mollie Flagg of Springfield, Mass., Edward Axom, Miss Katura Barnes, Mrs. Theresa L. Robinson of Capital City Elks, Mrs. Evelyn Carter Russ, the Rev. E. A. Love, the Rev. Thomas C. Garnett.

The Rev. W. G. Simms, Rosa Ferguson, Eva Young, Albert Askins of New Haven, Conn., William H. Johnson of Pittsburgh, Pa., Mrs. Lena J. Hart, Joseph Minor, John T. Stewart, the Rev. Grant Contee, Pauline Harvey, A. S. Pinkett, Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, Albert Jacobs, J. Warren and Mary Ross of Gaithersburg, Md.

Congratulatory messages were sent by Lawrence A. Oxley, Department of Labor and Louis W. Roy grand master of the Masons.

On Tuesday night the regular business meeting was held and a sermon, "Lamb Slaying" preached by the Rev. Reuben Minor. A pilgrimage to Arlington National Cemetery where the tomb of the Silas Chatman, deceased member, was visited took place Wednesday morning, and a pageant, "Too Late," was given the same night by the Ways and Means Commit-

tee of the grand lodge. The latter affair took place at the Mount Jezeal Baptist Church.

The grand session and the election of officers was scheduled to take place this morning (Thursday) at the Moses Home. Delegates are attending the convention of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland and Virginia.

A. U. K. & D. OF A CONVENES IN SPRINGFIELD, O

Mrs. L. C. Taylor Elected
To Head Body

By Blanche M. Van Hook

SPRINGFIELD, O., Aug 16—The second annual supreme grand council convention of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa, United States, and its possessions, and the second annual encampment of the military department of this organization was held in this city at the North St. AME church and the Clark county fair grounds, respectively, from August 4 to 11.

The convention was the guess of Golden Glow Council No. 3 and Sunlight Council No. 35 of this city.

Among the officers, delegates and visitors present were

Mesdames Leona C. Taylor of Dayton; Ella Hamilton of Cleveland, Annie Kelley and Nellie B. Fowler of Cincinnati, Katie Smith, Florence Cole of Columbus, Bertha Young of Cincinnati; Cora S. Mitchell, Myrtle Roller of Cleveland, and Annie L. Ray of Cleveland;

Arushia Leigh of Springfield, Rev. Preston Neal of Cincinnati; Messrs. Chester E. Watts of Dayton, George Peters of Columbus, Russell Morton of Cincinnati; Mesdames Anna Craighead of Cleveland, Nannie Morton of Cincinnati, Ella Hamilton of Cleveland, Nellie B. Fowler of Cincinnati, and Cora Howard of Dayton; Captain Mary Mosley and Captain Gladys Hill.

Members of the supreme executive council present were Mesdames Leona C. Taylor, Ella Hamilton, Florence Cole, Nellie B. Fowler, Annie Keley and Rev. D. D. Turpeau. The officials of the military department present were William Kelley of Cincinnati, Ira N. Carter of Dayton, Col. Harry Smith, Col. Pearl McKnight, and Lt. Roger Jackson.

Acting as marshals and pages during the sessions were Mesdames Evelyn Jackson of Cleveland, Ora Smith of Cincinnati, Anna Robinson and Lizzie Rush, and James

Lee and James B. Johnson, all of this city.

Miss Blanche M. Van Hook of Columbus was employed as the official stenographer and secretary for the convention. Her assistant was Chester E. Watts of Dayton.

LEWIS CHOSEN LEADER OF PYTHIANS AS BODY HOLDS SESSIONS HERE

Isabelle George Elected Grand Councillor of Calanthe — Manhattan Elks Celebrate Eighteenth Anniversary at Home

Both branches of the Knights of Pythias, Eastern and Western Hemisphere, opened the business sessions of their annual convention Monday morning at Castle Hall, 21-23 West 134th street, with a large attendance.

The reports rendered at the men's session showed the order to be progressing and that last year's efforts eclipsed that of any previous year. This was particularly reflected in the remarks of Supreme Chancellor William H. Martin of Springfield, Mass., and by Thomas H. Brown, of Providence, R. I., grand chancellor of New England, who were in attendance during the entire session. A joint session was held Monday evening, at which the ladies of the Courts of Calanthe acted as escorts and hostesses to the colored guests, with Miss Isabell L. George, grand worthy councillor, presiding. At the annual divine service Sunday evening at Randel Memorial Church, in West 134th street, the pastor, the Rev. Thomas B. Harrison, preached an excellent sermon. R. S. Barclay, grand chancellor of New York State, presided. man of the arrangement committee,

Officers elected were: Charles A. presided for the ceremonies after Lewis, grand chancellor; Abram Daughter Ruler Ioneze Jefferson had closed the regular meeting. Decker, vice; John W. Fosberg. An unusually excellent program grand prelate; John S. Bayley, was presented, bringing out some grand keeper of record and seals; real talent among the members of Ezekel B. Harris, grand master of Manhattan Temple. Chief among exchequer; Alexander Faide, grand master of finance; A. Vassel, grand Unity Quartette, composed of master of accounts; A. Peas, grand Daughters Edna L. Haynes, Elizabeth inner guard; A. Wells, outer; R. S. beth Carroll, Della Piggott and Barclay, grand trustee, and R. S. Beatrice Bernard. This quartette Bayler and E. B. Harris, supreme easily ranks with any of the representatives. The supreme chan- male quartettes on the air, and cellor, assisted by W. H. Willis, su-their singing Wednesday night was preme trustee, installed the newly-excellent. "Indian Love Song," sung elected officers. by Daughter Anna Alston, also re-

Calanthe officers elected were: vealed that lady as an artist of no
Isabelle George, grand worthy coun-small ability. Daughter Williams'
cillor; Mary Tyman, assistant; Hen-rendition of "The Funeral of Broth-
rietta Lewis, register of deeds; Ler Toney Smith" brought rounds of
Fyfee, recorder of accounts; Eлаughter and showed the deputy to
Majorie, recorder of deposits; Bessiebe a very versatile daughter.

May, worthy orator; C. Simmons, herald; E. Cooley, escort; Mary Bry-Simons, grand trustee and exalted ant, protectress. With the arrival of Edward W. ruler of Manhattan Lodge, accom-

Manhattan Temple Celebrates. We were among the four hundred antler; Henry S. Warner, past members and friends who celebrated grand treasurer, and a large dele- the eighteenth anniversary of Man-gation of Manhattan Lodge mem- manhattan Temple No. 93, I. B. P. O. Ebers, the meeting was turned over of W. Wednesday night. At theto the men, with Mr. Simons as mas- meeting, held in the large meetingter of ceremonies. He introduced all room of Imperial Home, Deputy the men and then presented to the Francis M. Williams, who was chair-temple eighteen dollars, representing

... We attended in our capacity as an honorary member.

Rosa L. Blocker, past grand vice-daughter ruler; Octavio Elam, past grand daughter ruler; Marion Wash-ington, loyal daughter ruler, Alpha day afternoon, the management of the eleven year Council, past daughter rulers; Dep-uty Blanche Andrews of Brooklyn; Banks, on behalf of the lodge, will particularly graciously, and saw to it Adelaide Blackwell, daughter ruler be host to all the exalted rulers of that all his guests were Columbia Temple No. 422 of Washington; Elizabeth Mayfield, daughter ruler Lottie C. Kennedy Temple, and past grand exalted ruler. The cele-berthra Harris, organizer of Manhattan Temple. The tables were prettily decorated under the direc-tion of Daughter Emma Undley of this column to acquaint all exalt-ed rulers that they are cordially invited. Invitations have been sent to and Mrs. Joseph W. Albright, the alt, but in the event that any may have been missed, Brooklyn Lodge termoon the club will hold religious services at Mt. Zion Church, of which the Rev. Dr. Collins is pastor.

Eureka Club Closes. The closing meeting of the Char-ity Club of Eureka Temple No. 22 will be held Friday evening at Imperial Home. Plans for the fall dance were discussed. Daughters of Judge Scott's, will be mas-Elk Echoes.

Florence Kane and Hyde F. Perkins ter of ceremonies. The Four Tan
were reobligated into the club. Steppers, an aggregation of enter-
Daughter Stalls. M. J. Sewell, for-
tainers who pleased so greatly at the
mer daughter ruler of Eureka last occasion of Brooklyn's Sunday
Temple, is chairman of the club, afternoon matinee have been se-
Mrs. Lucy M. Wallace, financial sec-
cured again. The public is invited
retary of Eureka Temple, gave a to the capacity of the Will room.
bon voyage party last Saturday eve-
ning in honor of Mrs. Mamie Cox, committee has scheduled one, more
who left for Savannah immediately event before the convention in
after, at her home, 2040 Seventh Washington. It will be a moonlight
avenue. Mrs. Cox, who has resided ride to the home of Rockaway Lodge

in California for several years, will at Far Rockaway on Saturday night, make Savannah her permanent home, August 17. E. C. Cosby heads the Leon Treadgil, formerly of the cast committee in charge. The Rock-of "Porgy," was the star at the re-awary boys are planning an ideal cital given by the Lucy Nuter Wal-evening for all who make the trip. lace Campaign Club at ImperialThe convention committee meets Auditorium Sunday of last week. Anagain on Monday evening, August 12, excellent program was enjoyed by and the lodge will meet Monday all who attended night.

The Royal Queens Social Club of which Daughter J. ³ Pearce of Manhattan Temple is president, met Thursday evening at Mrs. Pearce's home, 152 West 141st street. After the business session, the ladies and their guests enjoyed a fine social hour. Plans have been advanced for the

H. L. Johnson Lodge Benefit.

A midnight show at the Renaissance Theatre is being planned by the members of Henry Lincoln Johnson Lodge in aid of transporting the band of the lodge to the Washington convention. The show is being aided by the management of the Renaissance, Benjamin Romon. A number of stars have agreed to entertain that night, and William (Bojangles) Robinson is expected to be master of ceremonies. The highly enjoyable occasion marked the closing for the season of the 11 O'Clock Club, Inc., of Imperial Lodge, Sunday afternoon. The Rev. James P. Collins and Mrs. Collins were hosts, and after the business session, held in the establishment of Mr. Collins on West 129th street, the members and their guests went to Zillie's Restaurant at 43 West 147th street, where a delightful dinner was served in the garden. The president, Louis

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Funeral services over the remains of Daughter Etta Holly, a past daughter ruler of Progressive Temple No. 79 of Brooklyn were held Monday evening from Bridge Street Church, the Rev. James A. Manning officiating. Mrs. Holly, a native of Brooklyn and one of the best known members of the Brooklyn temples had been long ailing but did not take to bed until last week. Death came unexpectedly late last Friday

night. She lived with her husband, without an appropriation. George, at 1442 Pacific street and was fifty-one years of age. Interment was in Mt. Olive Cemetery. In addition to the daughters, a number of brothers from Brooklyn Lodge were on hand to pay their respects to the deceased at the funeral.

Apex Temple Meets.

Ethel Winters, former daughter ruler of Celestial Temple of Mount Vernon was the honored guest at the last meeting of Apex Temple, held Wednesday night at the Elks Rendezvous, 650 Lenox avenue. A delegation of brothers from Henry Lincoln Johnson Lodge were also received. Sunday at 3 P.M. the ways and means committee will entertain at a teacup reading at the home of Carter Glass attached the measure to the third deficiency bill. Daughter Rachel Thomas, 170 West 135th street. Last Sunday afternoon which he knew would not come at the Elks Rendezvous the campaign committee of Daughter Emily Virgin, candidate for the office of grand trustee entertained. Daughter Bessie Turner, campaign manager was mistress of ceremonies. A good crowd was on hand to wish the pretty little daughter of Apex good luck in her aspirations to become a Grand Lodge officer.

ELKS FAIL TO GET ANY U.S. MONEY

The thirty-sixth annual Grand Lodge Session of the I.P.O.E. of W. was going strong as it entered its fourth day of a seven-day session yesterday (Wednesday).

Wednesday morning Dr. Charles H. Fisher, general chairman of the committee on arrangements for the Grand Lodge turned over to J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler, gavel hewn from a log taken from the home of the late Frederick Douglass, abolitionist.

550 Present

At the time the first business session opened, there were registered 550 delegates from 315 lodges and forty councils, according to the report of the credential committee.

Wednesday more than 1000 delegates had registered from more than 500 lodges.

At the opening session, Perry W. Howard, grand legal adviser, informed the delegates that none of the \$39,000 authorized by Congress for the Grand Lodge had been appropriated, and that the convention would have to go on

daughter ruler of the Grand Temple, I. B. P. O. E. of W., was re-elected with her entire cabinet, including Mrs. Edna L. Haynes, assistant grand daughter ruler of New York. There appeared to be more women at the convention and they made a more impressive showing in the parade than did the men.

It was ruled that the law providing for a two-year term for the grand exalted ruler became effective after adjournment of the Indianapolis grand lodge and that Mr. Wilson's term had expired.

After the ruling was made, the rules were suspended and Wilson was re-elected for a term of two years, making this an off-year for the election of the grand exalted ruler.

In the fight for offices, it appears that the James E. Kelly, grand secretary and Judge William C. Houston, commissioner of education, are to face some stiff opposition.

Address Graduates

WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 30—(Special) The condemning of labor organizations throughout the country which ban men and women from membership because of their color and the setting in machinery legislative effort to deny existence to such organizations and the creating of a permanent organization to correct educational and economic discriminations against our people in the South, were high spots of the annual convention of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World in session here this week. The confab closes on Saturday.

Records of public men as to their acts and attitudes of lynching,

discrimination, segregation and other activities based on color or race, were made the subject of study for the purpose of organization of effective political opposition.

but the news reels as well. Joe Louis, contender for the world's

heavyweight boxing title, was in

the reviewing stand as the parade

passed up Pennsylvania avenue.

There was no election of grand

exalted ruler this year, for at the

convention in Atlantic City last

summer, J. Finley Wilson was

elected for a two year term. How-

ever, there was a spirited contest

for some of the subordinate offices

poses by the United States Office of

Edward Simons, exalted ruler of

Education, was proposed. The con-

ference was made an annual part

of the program of the grand lodge

of Elks.

Bedecked in gay attire, this city

was in the selection of the and women of the grand temple.

place for the next Grand Lodge. The convention is not as largely

attended as it has been in previous

years. Some say it is the depre-

sion while others contend that it is

because there is no election of the

grand exalted ruler.

No Election This Year

Women Reelect Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Abbie M. Johnson of Philadelphia, for several years grand

Two years ago in Indianapolis, Ind., the Elks amended their constitution to provide for the election

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General.

BAN ON NEGRO Prancing Steeds, 'FRAT' FEARED Gay Uniforms and *Assemblymen* Bands Lend Color

Burrell Raps Changes
in Jersey Measure
Before Assembly

5-11-35

Newspaper
Uncovering what was apparently
an attempt to introduce another bill
in the New Jersey Legislature aimed
at the existence of Negro fraternal
organizations, Assemblyman J. Mer-
cer Burrell has raised objections to
the printed copies of a committee
substitute for Assembly Bill No. 384.
Meanwhile, a delegation of Trenton-
ians has visited the State House in
protest against the reported measure.

The substitute for a bill originally
introduced by Assemblyman Scovel
of Camden was found by Burrell to
be worded almost exactly as the 1933
Senate Bill No. 209, which was de-
feated by the efforts of Negroes
throughout the State. Assemblyman
Scovel disclaimed responsibility for
the change, and an investigation
followed, resulting in the discovery
of the original committee substitute,
worded very differently, in the office
of the Assembly clerk.

The printed copies, which were
authorized by no one, and only crept
into the list of printed bills by one
of those strange accidents which have
characterized the activities of the
New Jersey Legislature for at least
the last 60 years, were ordered "de-
stroyed forthwith." This latest trick
of white fraternal orders to legis-
late Negro orders bearing similar
names out of existence failed.

The bills aimed at Negro fraternal
orders have appeared in Trenton
over a period of several years. One
passed both houses in 1914, but was
vetoed at the request of a number of
Negro leaders.

Varis Avenue to its
point of disbanding.
A total of 6,000
persons participated,
including 3,148
military marchers,
571 horsewomen and
35 bands. The 152
units took three
hours to pass a

given point. There
were 113 cars in the
parade.

In the first division
were the local lodges
and temples which are
entertaining the grand
lodge convention. Co-
lumbia lodge was not
with them. It refused
to march in the parade
because it was placed
in the third division.
It had previously re-
fused to share the
financial responsi-
bility for the enter-
tainment of the grand
lodge.

Columbia Temple, how-
ever, marched. Its
members were strik-
ingly uniformed in
white skirts with
purple capes lined
trousers and blue coats.

Women Ride Horses

A group of members from Na-
tional Capital Temple, were
smartly attired in riding habits
and were astride horses. They
were one of the smartest units in
the entire parade.

Virginia Elks led the next division.
Eureka lodge of Norfolk
had its band and marching club.
Members of the marching club
wore white linen suits.

Arlington lodge made a good
impression on the crowd. Its
band leader strutted to the de-
light of the onlookers. Its march-
ing club was dressed in white
trousers with a purple stripe
down the sides and white shirts.

Pride of Arlington wore black
trousers and capes lined with
purple. They also had on mili-
tary caps.

Baltimore Unit Scores

Baltimore was well repre-
sented. Monumental lodge had
bands and marching club. Mem-
bers of the marching club were
dressed in white suits trimmed
in purple and white military
caps.

Members of Great Southern
Temple, Baltimore, wore white
skirts and capes lined with
purple, purple stockings and
white shoes.

Federal Post Drum Corps, Bal-

timore, nattily attired in military
uniforms of light blue pants, dark
blue shirts, and light blue trench
hats.

Judges of the contest were: E.
Booze, of Mound Bayou, Mis-
sissippi; Harry H. Pace, of Chi-
cago, and Charles Sumner Long
president of Edward Waters Col-
lege, Jacksonville, Fla.

gold, military caps,
purple stockings
and white shoes.
The newest lodge in
Washington, National
Capital, was repre-
sented. Its members
wore white
chamois-colored. They also wore tan
boots. The marching club was
dressed in white linen suits.

Another feature of the O. V.
Catto unit was its string band,
gaily dressed in Spanish uni-
forms of yellow blouses, white
trousers tight in the knees and
wide at the bottom, and black
hats with yellow bands.

Phyllis Wheatley Temple, also
of Philadelphia, presented a wom-
an's bugle and drum corps.

Wear Roman Helmets

Quaker City lodge had a cav-
alry corps wearing Roman hel-
mets and purple jackets.

Members of the Quaker City
Temple marching club wore purple
coats and white skirts with
a purple stripe down the sides.

The Elks' grand lodge held its
first business session in the Ma-
sonic Temple, Tuesday morning.
The grand temple held its meet-
ing at the Metropolitan Baptist

Church. The only important
business transacted in either the
grand temple or the grand lodge
was the appointment of creden-
tials committees. Both the grand
lodge and the grand temple ad-
journed early on account of the
parade.

Miss Todd Wins

Victoria Todd, 17-year-old stu-
dent of Dunbar High School,
Washington, D.C., last Monday
night, won the Elks' national ora-
torical contest. The subject of
her oration was "The New Deal
and the Constitution."

The contest was held in the
Metropolitan A.M.E. Church. An
audience of 2,000 persons crowded
the auditorium of the church to
hear the contest.

Six regional winners com-
peted with Miss Todd. Each
regional contest winner had been
awarded collegiate scholarships.

As the winner of the national
contest Miss Todd was presented
a check for \$150. The presenta-
tion was made by J. Finley Wil-
son, grand exalted ruler. The
other participants received \$100

Grand Fountain of United Order of True Reformers.

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THE TRUE REFORMERS RECEIVERSHIP

The ultimate dissolution of the Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers could not be avoided. Its doom was decreed by the debacle of 1910. The fact that the execution of that sentence was postponed for a quarter of a century is a tribute to the loyalty and to the self-sacrificing devotion and labors of those who fought courageously to keep unfurled the banner of the greatest fraternity in the history of the American Negro. *11-30-35*

The story of the struggle of these past twenty-five years is best told in the little poem, the last lines of which reads:

Richmond, Va.

"The fight is lost, and he knows it is best
And still he is fighting on."

An encouraging fact in connection with the order for the receivership entered last week to close out the affairs of the Order is the assurance by Receiver James T. Carter that arrangements have already been made to protect the interests of the policy holders, many of whom are beyond the insurance age.

This proves our oft repeated contention that Negroes should be appointed receivers for defunct institutions and business in which only Negroes have interests. Why white men, who have no financial interest whatever, except in the way of fees, should be appointed to liquidate Negroes' businesses in distress, is one of the kinks in American judicial practice which beggars understanding.

It also puts a question mark behind the assertion that Negroes can get justice and fair play in the courts even in civil litigation involving only themselves. This is said in the light of the experiences of Negroes with receiverships administered by white men. Such receiverships usually take very advantage of the law's delay in order to reap where they have not sown.

They prove to be receivers in the literal sense of the term. The Negroes whose money is involved get the shell while the receivers get the nut.

It is hoped that Judge Gunn, in appointing a Negro receiver for a Negro concern, has set a precedent which will be adopted, in the future, by all courts in this country having jurisdiction over such matters.

While we lament the passing of the great Order founded by the peerless W. W. Browne, if it results in the general adoption of the precedent established by Judge Gunn, the Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers, already rich in services to the Negroes of America,

will not have lived in vain. At any event, it will be difficult to efface its memory.

Carter Appointed Receiver For Grand Fountain Order of True Reformers

Journal and Guide Bureau
RICHMOND — Receivership of the Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers, one of Richmond's oldest fraternal beneficiary associations, was filed in Circuit Court here Monday, November 18, effort that the organization has James T. Carter, local attorney, tried to function properly. Includ- was appointed receiver and given authority by the court to take the members of the old families of possession of all real and personal property and to deal with new charter is secured, the society same under orders of the court. will soon be able to rehabilitate it.

The waiver of notice read as fol-

lows: "Whereas, it is declared by all parties that the Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers, a fraternal beneficiary association incorporated within the state

be dissolved as promptly as possible and a receiver for the same be appointed for immediate distribution of its assets and closing of its business. The undersigned hereby waives any and all notice or notices of such proceedings to that end as may be recommended by the Attorney General. Signed,

John Braxton, grand worthy mas-

ter." Although it was announced that organization's death claims had reached a high mark of near \$14,000 and the back salaries had amounted to about \$4,000, the organization is making a determined struggle to secure a new charter by which they can operate and take care of its old members and serve new applicants.

As shown by the record of the board of examiners, the society was organized in 1881 and officially chartered in Virginia on April 4, 1885. It operated up to March 23, 1901, as Mutual Benefit Association. At that time the charter was amended to conform to the laws

governing fraternal beneficiary associations.

The society enjoyed steady progress up to the year 1910 at which time the failure of the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain, the principal depository of the society, left it insolvent. Following this failure the society's license was suspended, but was restored the following year.

One In Several States
Since that time the society has been steadily decreasing in mem-

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700 Due in D. C. for Conclave of Good Samaritans

Order Founded in 1847

Has 15,000 Members

Spread Over Continent

\$35,000 COLLECTED
DURING PAST YEAR

Investments Amount to
\$118,000.

WASHINGTON — The annual convention of the Independent Order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria, which opened at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, Monday, will close on Thursday.

Approximately 700 delegates are expected to register, according to Dr. A. W. Brazier of New Orleans, national grand sire.

15,000 Members Recorded

More than 15,000 members of

the organization are located in fifteen States, South and Central America, and the West Indies. There are about 250 lodges.

At the opening, welcome addresses were delivered by W. H. C. Clark, Mrs. Jessie Burnett, Rev. C. T. Murray, Dr. Kathleen King, Mrs. Lena J. Hart, H. Dale and Mrs. Blanche Coghill.

Responses were given by D. S. Clark, C. D. Ward, W. H. Foster, the Rev. J. H. Brown, James A. Jackson and W. W. Parker.

Have \$118,000 Invested

The gross collection for 1934-35 was \$36,000; \$12,365 was paid out in funeral and sick benefits; the organization has an investment of \$118,000, and \$20,000 in the bank.

Among the objectives of the organization are:

National burial plan, an educational program providing scholarships, a magazine for the order, and plans to provide for the legal

protection of sharecroppers in the Southern States.

Founded in 1847

The order was founded eighty-eight years ago. Dr. Brazier, the present head, is also deputy imperial potente of the Shrine Imperial Council and an Elk.

Other officers and members include:

John J. Dale, Jr., Washington, national grand secretary; William E. Bright, Washington, district grand chief; Mrs. Addie Gray, Waterbury, Md., vice associate;

W. W. Parker and Dr. J. P. Maritans, both of Jacksonville, Fla., Miss Mabel Diggs, Boston, grand secretary of the Massachusetts jurisdiction, and W. H. Foster, New Jersey, grand treasurer.

Delegates Registered

4-7-35
Among the delegates registering during the first two days of the convention were:

Washington

William M. Neval, William E. Bright, Mary Taylor, Hannah Newby, S. H. livered by Jesse Burnett, D. G. Watkins, Mary Williams, Anna Hopkins, Walter Dyson, Benjamin Watkins, G. S. Lodge, No. 5; the Rev. C. J. Mur-

Carter, William Page, Dorothy Mathews, Forence Frye, Blanche Coghill, Ben-Hart local lodges; Dr. Kathleen

Jamin Frye, Edward Washington, Carrie Simmons;

Rosa Bailey, Mattie Randolph, Edna fession; Blanche Coghill, from the

Dail, Florence Morton, Payton Robinson, A. B. Hutchins, Mary Samuels, Kate

Winston, S. Cargil, Sarah Jackson, fraternities.

Virginia

W. W. Miller, Mary Reed, A. C. Allen, Lydia Parker, L. Marshall, A. V. Brown; Bright, grand chief, D. G. Lodge

New Jersey

W. H. Foster, Maude E. Scott;

Massachusetts

W. A. Bent, Mrs. A. D. Lindsay, C. D. Ward, Mabel E. Diggs;

Pennsylvania

Ella Darked, Alice Brooks, Charles M. Fassett, E. E. Pierce, A. J. Clark Roberta Yopp, Katie Walker, Grace Braxton, Daniel S. Clark, Robert J. Moss;

Cicero Smith, Lucy Diggs, Florence Bunday, Sarah Ramon and Charles Douglass.

Louisiana

Preston King, Dr. A. W. Brazier, Julia Hill;

Florida

Dr. J. P. Patterson, W. W. Parker; C. A. Carr, Mrs. M. D. James, Mrs. R. E. Morris, Mrs. L. Whitus, A. Alleyne, Mary H. Jones, Cornelia Rodman, Ida Thompson, D. H. James;

Georgia

J. H. Brown, J. C. Collier, Mamie Binyard, Leola Simmons, Mel Tubman, Eloise Robinson, L. W. Walker;

Maryland

Rev. C. T. Murray, Dr. Kathleen Blackwell, Cornelia Brown, Frances Hawkins, Rosa Bacon, Agnes Gray, Catherine Aulton;

Connecticut

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holt; Bahama Islands

Jeremiah Rahmig, E. C. Carter, and

S. B. Cambridge.

GOOD SAMARITANS END D. C. SESSION

Independent Order of Good Samaritans.

WITH FALL DANCE

Delegates Welcomed Here
By W. H. C. Brown of
Industrial Bank

9-7-35
The national convention of the Independent Order of Good Samaritans closed its session here last Monday. The convention was welcomed here by several leading citizens in various fields.

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Washington

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Rosa Bailey, Mattie Randolph, Edna fession; Blanche Coghill, from the

Dail, Florence Morton, Payton Robinson, A. B. Hutchins, Mary Samuels, Kate

Winston, S. Cargil, Sarah Jackson, fraternities.

Virginia

J. H. Dale introduced W. E. W. W. Miller, Mary Reed, A. C. Allen, Lydia Parker, L. Marshall, A. V. Brown; Bright, grand chief, D. G. Lodge

New Jersey

No. 5, who acted as master of

ceremonies.

Massachusetts

W. A. Bent, Mrs. A. D. Lindsay, C. D. Ward, Mabel E. Diggs;

Pennsylvania

Response to the welcome ad-

dress were made by C. D. Ward.

Ella Darked, Alice Brooks, Charles M. James, A. J. Clark, Roberta Yopp, Katie Walker, Grace Braxton, Daniel S. Clark, Robert J. Moss;

Cicero Smith, Lucy Diggs, Florence Bunday, Sarah Ramon and Charles Douglass.

Louisiana

Dr. A. W. Brazier, national

grand sire, made brief remarks.

Tuesday, at 8 p.m. a reception

was given to the national grand

lodge at the Vermont Avenue B

aptist Church.

New York

A fall frolic was held last Wed-

nesday night at the Lincoln Col-

nade.

Georgia

J. H. Brown, J. C. Collier, Mamie Binyard, Leola Simmons, Mel Tubman,

Eloise Robinson, L. W. Walker;

Maryland

Rev. C. T. Murray, Dr. Kathleen

Blackwell, Cornelia Brown, Frances Haw-

kins, Rosa Bacon, Agnes Gray, Catherine

Aulton;

Connecticut

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holt;

Bahama Islands

Jeremiah Rahmig, E. C. Carter, and

S. B. Cambridge.

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Knights of Pythias.

Knights of Pythias Name S. A. T. Watkins Supreme Chancellor

History Made at Hectic Session of Order Held in
Rochester, N. Y.—N. N. Reynolds' Elected

Supreme Lecturer

The Jurisdiction of Tennessee
The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, N. A., S. A. T. A. and A. andamous election of Sir N. N. Reynolds, their Grand Chancellor, as Sir S. W. Green, Supreme Chancellor, met in Rochester, N. Y., Tuesday, August 20, 1935 and Supreme Lecturer of the entire Pythian world by acclamation. This held one of the most interesting and progressive sessions that has been held by this body in many years. The representatives from each Grand Jurisdiction were filled with enthusiasm from start to finish. The enthusiasm from start to finish, country for his high fraternal ideals. Records will show that more legislation was enacted for the benefit of the subordinate lodges through the Order, and he can be counted on the domain than any time heretofore in the history of the Order. to put the program over for the up-
All back tax due the Supreme Lodge from subordinate lodges was abolished, and all present tax abolished except Contingent Fund of \$100 per member. All salaries were slashed to minimum amounts. the salvation of Pythianism.

All jurisdictions that had been suspended were restored to full membership. The Pythian Temple under the direction of the Supreme Commission was abolished. The Supreme Lodge is launching a mammoth membership campaign, which will serve to bring back to the ranks thousands of discouraged members. Pythianism has seen a new day, and Knighthood will now take its rightful place in the front ranks of fraternal organizations. The meeting was historic for many years. Sir L. B. Monious and all left for home with Kincheon of Texas was elected Supreme Vice Chancellor, which automatically makes him Supreme Worthy Counsellor of the Courts of Calanthe. Dr. E. E. Underwood of Kentucky was re-elected Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal. Sir T. G. Nutter of West Virginia was re-elected Supreme Master of Exchequer.

Some changes were made in Supreme Lodge officials. Sir S. A. T. Watkins of Chicago was elected Supreme Chancellor instead of Sir S. W. Green, who had held the office for many years. Sir L. B. Monious and all left for home with Kincheon of Texas was elected Supreme Vice Chancellor, which automatically makes him Supreme Worthy Counsellor of the Courts of Calanthe. Dr. E. E. Underwood of Kentucky was re-elected Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal. Sir T. G. Nutter of West Virginia was re-elected Supreme Master of Exchequer.

KNIGHTS ELECT

**WATKINS HEAD
OF GRAND LODGE**

having the distinction of having appeared and represented the city before the Supreme Court of the United States. In the Pythian litigation as to the right of use of the name in several states, after litigation for six years, he won a Pythian case arising in Georgia before the Supreme Court of the U. S., being the first case ever decided by this court, where the interests of the Race were affected.

Appears in Canada

Following a similar case arising in Tennessee, determined favorably in the same court and another similar case before the Supreme Court of Mississippi.

In the interest of the order, he appeared before the National Parliament of Canada at Ottawa for the Biennial Convention of the Shriners with his law partner, James E. White, arising in several states, and in Africa and Australia, through the District Court, Civil Court of Appeals, being held and the Supreme Court. This case here, Atty. S. A. T. Watkins, was the first in the history of Texas where Race lawyers presented a case by argument. Atty. Watkins received the degree of Doctor of Laws, conferred by Wilberforce University. The body has served as Atty. Watkins received the degree of Doctor of Laws, conferred by Wilberforce University. The body was elected a resolution appealing to the President of the United States to use all peaceful means to prevent war against Ethiopia.



Atty. Watkins

The other officers in their respective offices were elected are: Kincheon, Texas; Underwood, Kentucky; Nutter, W. Virginia; Watty, Maryland; McClendon, New York; McGill, Florida; Cooper, Michigan; Williams, Massachusetts, and Reynolds, Tennessee. St. Louis was selected as the next meeting place.

Adopt Reforms

Several measures for reform were adopted, among which were: abolishing all taxes; abolishing the Pythian Temple Sanitarium Commission; reinstating all Grand Lodges; restricting the Supreme Chancellor's power of suspension, and measures for reinstatement and new membership.

Mr. Watkins served in the law department of Chicago for 12 years.

GREENE LOSES AS PYTHIANS' HEAD

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 29—(ANP)—In one of the greatest upsets in fraternal history, S. A. T. Watkins, Chicago lawyer, was elected Supreme Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia

Africa and Australia. He succeeded S. W. Greene of New Orleans, who was voted out of office after serving as grand chancellor for 32 years.

The attendance was rather meager. A number of States which have grand lodges, due to differences which had arisen over taxes levied by the Supreme body, were practically in secession.

The Supreme Court of Calanthe,

S. W. Green Removed As Head of K. of P. In Stormy Convention Day Convention

was immediately begun by the Georgia officials and they succeeded in gaining the support of their state lodges in the defiance of Green.

St. Louis In 1937

Additional strength to the campaign Thursday with the election of officers against Green was seen in the recent for the Grand Lodge and Court. Of-state convention of the Georgia members of the Women's Auxiliary, the lodges when visitors from various Court of Calanthe, elected on this other state grand lodges are said to have expressed agreement with the as, S. W. C.; P. E. Davis, Texas, views of Jones and his colleagues. S. W. Inspector; Emma J. Collier.

Delegates to the Bi-Annual Session Florida, S. W. Inspector; Lola began arriving here as early as Aug. 14, and registration headquarters Rosa E. Howard, Washington, D. at 427 Clarissa street were kept busy C., S. W. Register of Deeds; Bertha throughout the convention period. T. Buckner, Missouri, S. W. Deeds; The Supreme Lodge and Court, Ruth Snow, Colorado, S. W. Lecturer headed by Green, arrived on the 17th.

On Sunday, August 18, Memorial S. W. Escort; Mary Thompson, services of the Lodge and Court were held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Connecticut, S. W. Directress; Bea- trice Sellers, California, Jr. Directress; Lee C. Bennett, pastor, with Grand Chancellor Green presiding. The sermon S. W. Asst. Conductress; Eliz. K. White, S. W. Herald and Catherine of Massachusetts. On the same eve- Manning, Massachusetts, S. W. Pro- fessor union services of the five col- lectors.

ored churches in the city, Trinity. At the close of the convention the Memorial A. M. E. Zion, Mt. Olivet delegates enjoyed a Ball which was Baptist, Bethel A. M. E. and Eanor held at Egerton Park. Music was Baptist were held with Revs. Ben- furnished by Johnny Hartzog's eleven

nnett, E. Rex Flack, James E. Rose, piece band. Warfield and Conquest officiating. Chancellor L. A. Lloyd of St. Louis, Missouri, was selected to en- deliver by Rev. E. U. A. Brooks, tertain the next convention which is Grand Prelate.

scheduled to take place in 1937

Business Sessions Lively

Following the registration and ap- pointing of committees on Monday morning, welcome services were held in the evening at the A. M. E. Zion Church at which time addresses of welcome were made to the delegates by the mayor, Grand Chancellor Lee Crawford, E. A. Bennett and Gene- vieve Bundy. Responses were made by Hon. S. D. McGill, O. W. Tay- lor, Elizabeth K. White and Dr. C. B. Wickham. Musical selections were rendered on the program by Mrs. Mabel D. Bergens, S. McTyierre and Miss C. Boyden.

Business sessions opened Tuesday, August 20, at Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church for the women and Trinity for the men. The same evening, there was a street dance followed by a floor show later at the head- quarters of the session.

The Bi-Annual report was made by Grand Chancellor Green on Wednesday morning. Among the recom- mendation contained in it which were unanimously adopted were: Doing away with all taxes and bringing back of the Uniform Rank under Maj. J. Jackson of Chicago. The delegates were entertained in the eve- ning by the Michigan avenue Church Radio Choir of Buffalo who render- ed a fine program of vocal and instru- mental music. A feature of the pro-

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Climaxing bitter dispute of some months standing, S. W. Green, Supreme Chancellor Commander of the order of the Knights of Pythias, was defeated in his campaign for reelection at the 28th Bi-Annual Session of the order and its female auxiliary, the Court of Calanthe, which was held here from August 16-24. Green, the object of much criticism and disfavor among state grand lodges throughout the country, was succeeded by S. A. T. Watkins of Chicago, who was chosen Supreme Chancellor Com- mander. Other officers elected at the close of what is considered one of the liveliest sessions in the history of the order were Rev. John Harmon Georgia, Supreme Prelate; E. E. Underwood, Kentucky, Supreme K. R. S.; N. N. Reynolds, Tennessee, Su- preme Lecturer; Dr. S. G. McClen- don, N. Y., Supreme Medical Reg. George Watty, Maryland, Supreme Master at Arms; J. M. Cooper, Su- preme Inner Guard and George Wil- liams, Massachusetts, Supreme Outer Guard. Green was accorded the rank of Past Supreme Grand Chancellor.

The result of the elections, it is believed, will put an end to the dis- sension within the ranks of the order which had arisen over the levying of a special tax on each lodge by Green to help pay for the election of the projected Pythian Temple Sanitarium which it was planned to erect at Hot Springs, Ark. Unwill- ingness to bear the expense of what was considered by them an unfeasi- ble project is said to have prompted numerous remonstrances from several state grand lodges, the most out- standing case being that of the Georgia grand lodge which broke out in open revolt last December.

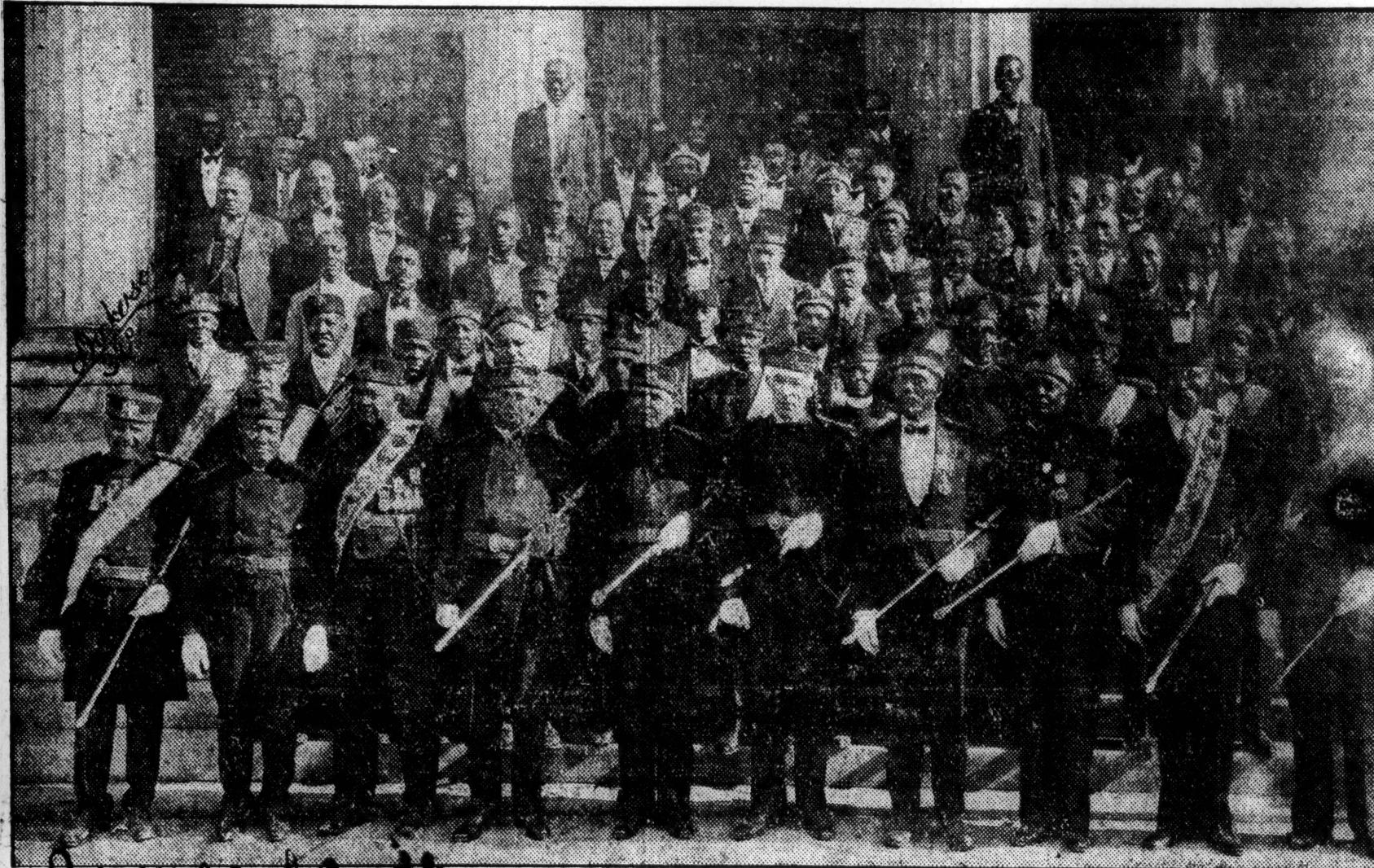
Georgia Lodge Rebels

The Georgia "insurrection", led by Sidney A. Jones, Supreme Grand Chancellor of the Georgia State Grand Lodge, broke out immediately following an edict, issued by Green, suspending Jones and his cabinet on charges that they had failed to meet necessary payments to the Supreme Lodge. A campaign against Green

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THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE MASONS MEET IN RICHMOND



~~MASSON FETED AT BANQUET GIVEN BY LADIES AUXILIARY SUCCESSFUL SESSIONS END~~

Journal and Guide Bureau
RICHMOND—The members of the local social calendar and also furnished the impetus for the Richmond Chapter of the city's best fraternal relish for Ladies of the Golden Circle, the some time. Among the guests were: Willard W. Allen of Baltimore, the most prominent grand commander of the members of the Consistory; John H. Murphy, Baltimore, imperial potente of the Masons at a banquet staged at the Odd Fellows Hall which closed the 49th annual assembly of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Supreme Council of the Masonic Lodge, Southern Jurisdiction here Monday night of last. Nannie K. Howlett, loyal lady secretary; Mrs. Addie J. Johnson, loyal

lady assistant secretary; Mrs. Rose Y. MICHEAUX AT MOSQUE Charity, Mrs. Amy B. Coles, Mrs. Louise F. Hicks, Mrs. Lucy J. Randolph, Mrs. Edna O. Yates, Mrs. Lillian W. Harris, Mrs. M. L. Randolph, Mrs. Robena H. Jones, Mrs. Lena Smith, Mrs. Angie D. White, Mrs. Cora L. Johnson, Mrs. Ora B. Holmes, Mrs. Lelia Richardson, Mrs. Grizelle L. Coleman, Mrs. Viola Johnson, Mrs. Florence Cogbill and Mrs. Mary L. Lewis.

Deputy William C. Scott, 33rd degree, one of the oldest Masons here is deputy in charge of the Consistory; John H. Murphy, Baltimore, imperial potente of the local arrangements for the sessions. Elder Michaux will bring his radio choir. Admission to the services is free but reserved seats will be held for all who purchase a copy of "Happy Am I" or "We've Got the Devil on The Run."

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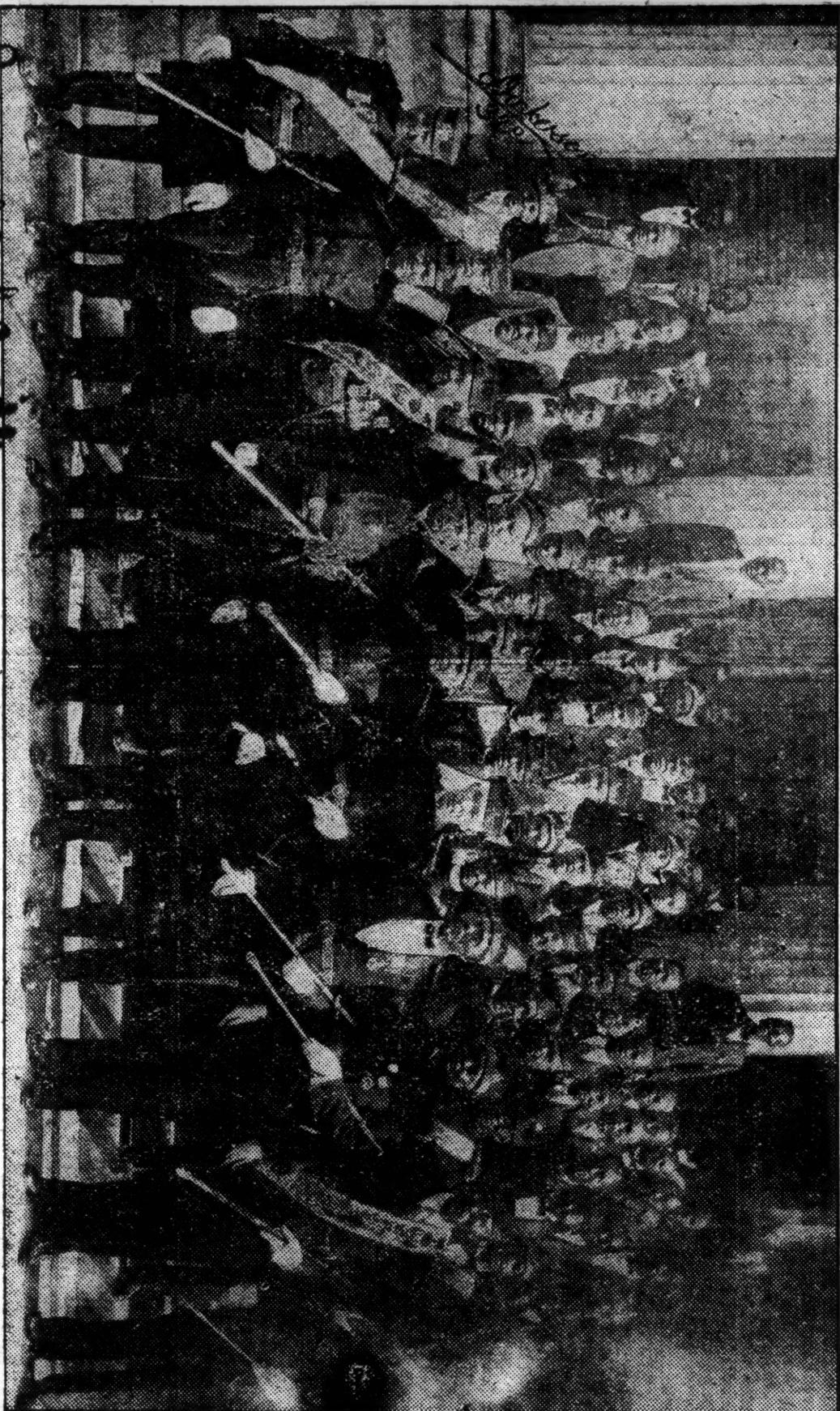
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New England Shriners Prepare for Session

Arriving in Providence, R.I.,

BOSTON. Members of the Order of the Nobles of the Sainte Temple and Aleppo Temple, in the States of Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts are making tribute at the grave of Past Grand Preparation for the ceremony Master Prince Hall of African attend to the opening of the Lodge 427. The entire afternoon and evening will be devoted to concluding the affairs of the session. **Caravan to meet in N.Y.** Besides members of the Imperial Potentate John H. Divan, those desiring to attend the session have been invited to participate. **Caravan to meet in N.Y.** The Caravan will start from New York City where members of the order will gather at noon Saturday, November 16, from the following States: Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and the District of Columbia.

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New England Shriners Afro-American 1-9-95 Prepare for Session

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BOSTON, Mass.—Members of the Order of the Nobles of the Constantine Temple and Aleppo Temple-Mystic Shrine, in the States of Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts are making tribute at the grave of Past Grand Master Prince Hall of African preparation for the ceremonies of the opening of the Lodge 427. The entire afternoon and evening, to be held here the 17th of May, will be devoted to concluding

Imperial Potentate John H. Murphy, Jr., of Baltimore, who inaugurated this method of visiting session, reveals that this plan has met with immense approval and co-operation among the members of the order. As an example, he points out that the sessions held recently in Richmond, Va., was attended not only by Nobles of that State, but from adjoining States. Besides members of the Imperial Divan, those desiring to attend the session have been invited to participate. The Caravan will start from New York City, where members of the order will gather at noon on Saturday, November 16, from the following States: Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and the District of Columbia.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF NEGRO MASONRY

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Investigative work

CHAPTER I

THE BEGINNING:

PART I

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During the nineteenth and the early portion of the present century, at least four great episodes within the Masonic Fraternity throughout the United States not only attained local prominence but attracted world wide attention and provoked a great amount of discussion. The first of these movements, in order of relative importance, was the effort sponsored by several Caucasian Grand Lodges having for its ultimate object the formation of a General Grand Lodge, an organization to be national in character and similar to the project fostered by the Negro Craftsmen along about the year 1847. Although there are indications that the effort will never come to life, it still has, even at this late date, a number of enthusiastic advocates. The other movements in mind were the Cerneau Scottish Rite Bodies; the Matthew McBride Thompson Masonic Fraud incident and the controversy relative to the status of the Negro Freemasons. Of the four movements, the last very easily attained and has always held the leading position. From the outset and as the years progressed it became the most absorbing Masonic subject that has ever claimed the attention of the entire Fraternity throughout the world.

For years without number a great mass of literature has been created much of which has been good, bad or indifferent, but all has served to keep the subject a never ending feature in Craft circles. Subsequent research by impartial students has brought to light the fact that a great portion of this literature is misleading—that such is either unsupported by facts or is absolutely without foundation. These conditions have probably been due to the sentiments of the several periods through which the controversy had passed; periods during which men were very intense in their likes and dislikes and rational reasoning was cast aside without any consideration for the subject and the issues involved. A partial bibliography of such literature as pertains to this subject will be found in the appendix to this volume. It merits careful attention.

In all fairness to the subject and if nothing but truth is desired, the investigator should fully realize that exhaustive research is absolutely necessary; this will require a great deal of time and no small amount of patience in order to properly separate authentic data from the inaccurate. It is not so much the facts in connection with the origin of the Negro Institution that have been and are still, in certain quarters, in dispute more or less, but rather the methods of procedure adopted subsequent to the erection of African Lodge which confuse the student. These are the bones of contention around which the discussion of the status or regularity of the Negro Freemasonry revolves.

The story relative to the origin of the subject of this volume has been repeated time and again in numerous writings; it appears almost unnecessary to rehearse it here, but for fear some reader may not be conversant with it, a brief resume follows. Toward the middle of

Masons.

In the eighteenth century there landed at Boston, Massachusetts, a man bearing the name of "Prince Hall." He was of mixed blood—English, French and African—and a native of Barbadoes, British West Indies. Possessing some degree of education, although of a fair complexion according to such prints as are extant, he subsequently became a leader among the group of "free" Negroes residing in the Massachusetts colony, taking an active part in all matters, political, religious, economic, etc., affecting the people of his race. According to certain records (1) this gentleman, together with fourteen other "free" Negroes obtained the degrees of Freemasonry in a Lodge attached to one of the regiments belonging to the British Army then encamped near the city Boston, in Massachusetts. The generally accepted date of their initiation is recorded as of March 6, 1775.

A variety of opinions have been expressed as being the ostensible reason for the initiation of those men by the English Army Lodge. One writer (2) is of the opinion that it was for the purpose of retaliation—making Freemasons of slaves because of the anti-British activities of their masters. This conclusion does not seem logical particularly in view of the opinions of other historians that each of these individuals was a "free" Negro, some of whom were men with small business interests in the city. Another writer has suggested that a number of British Negroes had been attached to the regiment in the capacity of soldiers, and these having been Masons, it was through them that Prince Hall and his friends had become impressed "with a high opinion of the Order," hence, their initiation into the regimental Lodge.

Under such circumstances it would be very natural that our friends, after initiation, must have assembled with that Army Lodge from time to time as it remained within the vicinity of Boston. Upon the removal of the regiment to other territory, the officers of the Lodge attached thereto delivered to their Negro brethren what was known during that period as a "Permit." This document accorded those Negroes the privileges of attending divine service and the burial of their dead, but it did not grant any authority for them to confer the degrees upon any other persons. In this one particular at least it can be said to their credit, there is no record extant to indicate that they did otherwise than to follow very closely the privileges granted in that "Permit."

Irrespective of the fact they had been initiated Freemasons in a regular manner and in a regular Lodge, these men, the regimental Lodge had left the city, found themselves practically ostracised by the Caucasian Craftsmen throughout the community. However, there were a few brethren who sympathized with those men and these advised Prince Hall to apply to the head of the Fraternity in France for proper authority to congregate as a Lodge but for some reason, one which history has failed to record, he rejected the proposition and after due consideration, decided to appeal to the English body at London for such authority. It is not useless conjecture to presume that as Hall and his friends had obtained their "light" through a constituent of the London group, they should appeal to that source alone for a charter. Subsequent events proved the wisdom of that decision.

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Time and again have the Negro brethren maintained that the custom of Freemasons assembling together in groups as such was the invariable procedure of the period. In support of this contention it is possible to cite any number of illustrations current during the eighteenth century and in the early portion of the nineteenth before the adoption of the exacting regulations now governing the fraternity. The author of the latest and without doubt the most accurate history of Freemasonry (5) during colonial times, informs us that:

"The first Grand Lodge on record in Pennsylvania is the one of 1732, with William Allen as grand master. On November 28, 1734, Benjamin Franklin, then grand master, wrote to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, stating that he had heard of Henry Price's appointment as grand master of North America."

"Franklin was apparently under the impression that the Pennsylvania Craft would be strengthened by the sanction of some authority derived from home, to give the proceedings and determinations of our lodge their due weight, and applied for a Deputation or Charter granted by the Right Worshipful Mr. Price, by virtue of his Commission from Britain."

This letter has caused much discussion for about it revolves the question as to the regularity of the lodges in Pennsylvania.

Another illustration along the same line reads (6):

"Freemasonry in Massachusetts had thus for many years pursued its course on an even keel. In 1752 a group of Masons met in the Green Dragon Tavern—a gathering which was destined to become a focal point of dissension. They had formed a lodge according to ancient usage"—i. e., met without charter or authority of any kind from a governing Masonic body. Realizing their position, nine brethren petitioned the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a charter in 1754, but it was not immediately issued for a variety of reasons. It was dated November 30, 1756, but did not reach Boston until September 4, 1760. In the meantime the lodge had grown to such proportions and influence that the Provincial Grand Lodge in 1761 passed resolutions of censure, declaring the lodge to be without regular constitution. The brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge—the name taken by the Masons of the new body—resented this, and reported the cir-

Master Jeremy Gridley at Boston, Massachusetts, under date of September 24, 1765, for a warrant for a Lodge to be known as "St. John's," there appears the following request (9): N. B. Let it be nominated St. John's. Pray Sir, (if you can conveniently), empower us to give warrants for the Constituting of Lodges."

From another source (10) we learn that: "The oldest Lodge, outside of New York City, was organized at Albany, in 1759, under a copy of the charter of Lodge No. 74, issued by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1737, to brethren of the Second Battalion First Royals (now Royal Scots), First Regiment of Foot Guards (Infantry). After leaving Great Britain and serving for a time in Nova Scotia, the Battalion had been sent to Albany and was located there during the years of 1758 and 1759.*** When the command was ordered to a new field of duty, the officers of the Lodge, following the custom of the time, left behind them a copy of their Irish warrant to enable the local brethren to continue their Masonic meetings."

Then follows a transcript of the copy duly signed by the officers

of that Army Lodge and given under their "hands and seal of our

Lodge in the City of Albany, the eleventh day of April, in the year

1759," etc. The same author continues: "The Lodge

continued to work under the copied warrant until February 21, 1765, when it was granted a charter as Union Lodge No. 1, by Provincial Grand Master Harrison. The charter was confirmed by Sir John

Johnson, grand master, on July 30, 1773, and under it the Lodge

continued to work until the close of the War for Independence.

In another paragraph, the same author states concerning this

Lodge: "The authority under which it started under way, is of ques-

tional validity, being a legally unauthorized warrant. The charter

granted it by George Harrison*** made it a duly constituted Lodge,

Daughters of Isis are. Daughters S. M

Stockton, imperial commandress; T

Carter Brown, imperial first lieuten-

ant; Willie Britton, imperial second

lieutenant; Rosa Norris, imperial

high priestess; Beulah McKay, im-

perial oriental guide.

Daughters Laura Henson, imperial

treasurer; Earle B. Mussen, imperial

recorder; Rena Brown, imperial first

ceremonial daughter; Corabelle Bar-

rett, second ceremonial daughter.

Daughters Alice Saunders, inside

sty; Irene Henry, outside sty; No-

ble William Heathman, imperial ad-

visor.

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In a transcript of the application of a group of Masons at Prince Town (now Princeton), New Jersey, forwarded to Provincial Grand

Elect Newspaperman To Highest Office In Mystic Shrine Order

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(CNS)

John H. Murphy Jr., circulation

manager of the *Advertiser*, Adop-

American, following in the footsteps

of his father, was elected Imperial

Potentate of the Ancient Egyptian

Arabic Order of the Nobles of the

Mystic Shrine, in the 35th session of

the Imperial Council here.

In addition to John H. Murphy Jr.

the Imperial Council elected the fol-

lowing officers:



MASONIC NOTES

By BERTRAM L. BAKER

"The cause of human progress is our cause, the enfranchisement of human thought our supreme wish, the freedom of human conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all peoples everywhere the end of our contention."

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 Recently there has come to light a matter of much importance in connection with this phase of the present discussion. It has particular reference to what may be termed an "irregularity" in the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and it appears to sustain the claim of the Negroes that African Lodge merely followed the custom and procedure of the period. The following is both illuminating and informative (22): On January 30, 1787, thirty-eight brethren assembled, with Dr. McKissack in the chair, opened a Master Mason's Lodge in due form, constituted themselves a Grand Lodge *pro tempore* and installed the Grand Officers. Five dispensations for New Lodges were then issued, to be located at Newark, Bedminster, Elizabethtown and Monmouth County. They were originally issued for three months, but later extended for a like period.

Still another illustration; this has particular reference to Benjamin Franklin, and reads (23): One year later (1732) he was appointed Junior Grand Warden of the then existing 'Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,'—which was nothing more than St. Johns Lodge of Philadelphia functioning as a Grand Lodge. He became Grand Master in June, 1734.

Since each of the foregoing incidents transpired long prior to the founding of the African Grand Lodge in 1791, it would appear evident the members of the Negro Lodge were well informed relative to precedents for their guidance.

Although from the very outset these Negroes were denied internal recognition by those in authority in the Caucasian group in the New England colony, another attempt seeking the right hand of fellowship was made to the officials of the Massachusetts Jurisdiction. General Joseph Warren presided as Provincial Grand Master (24). This appeal was formally received but the irony of fate intervened and before any action could be taken, General Warren was killed June 17, 1775, in the Battle of Bunker Hill. Again in 1779, it is reputed another petition was addressed to the Caucasian Craft in the colony but no record exists as to what disposition was made of it. Since no recognition was obtained it is the presumption that to avoid a definite decision, the subject was permitted to pass unnoticed in the records.

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CHAPTER III.

TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

In his investigation of the legitimacy, regularity, subsequent progress and procedure of both African Lodge of African Grand Lodge, and their descendants, the student will learn that a number of Caucasians Masonic historians have raised a series of what they characterize as "objections" against the status of our branch of the great fraternity. These "objections" comprise, among other things, the comparison of nineteenth and twentieth century "regulations" against

make the former retroactive in principle and operation so as to govern the latter period. With such reasoning in mind would objective underlying such comparisons is to intentionally discredit the jurisdiction beneath it all would it not appear probable there lies a feeling of race Master (24). Such sentiment is diametrically opposed to the spirit of "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man"—precepts that were the basic doctrines of the Institution.

Attention is now directed to other "objections" applied against the Negro organization. These will be outlined as briefly as possible, accompanied with sufficient evidence with the hope that students will be convinced of the merits of the claims advanced by the descendants of their pioneers. Classified in numerical order, "objection" number two is:

II. The establishment of African Lodge was an invasion of the territory of a sovereign body previously organized therein.

This objection has at times been construed to apply to two particular points: An invasion of local lodge jurisdiction, and later, that

Grand Lodge territory. The first claim is generally considered to be rather weak and readily dismissed by even the most biased of writers with but little or no extensive comment. It is very different in the case of the charge of invasion of Grand Lodge jurisdiction.



MASONIC NOTES

By BERTRAM L. BAKER

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The historian of Massachusetts (25) enlightens us relative to the establishment of the first Lodge and the First Grand Lodge. The following language: Under date of April 2, 1735, the Right Honorable Worshipful Anthony Lord Viscount Montague, grand master of the Free and Accepted Masons of England, issued his deputation saying: "We have Nominated, Ordained, Constituted and Appointed and do by these Presents Nominate, Ordain, Constitute and Appoint our said Worshipful and well beloved Brother Mr. Henry Price; Provincial Grand Master of New England aforesaid and Dominions and Territories thereunto belonging." It authorized him to appoint his Deputy Grand Master in that state, to wit: the Massachusetts Grand Lodge and the St. John's Lodge. Yet those Masons who claim the formation of African Grand Lodge now residing or who shall hereafter reside in those Lodge and the subsequent formation of African Grand Lodge, were "invasions" of occupied parts, into one or more regular lodges, as he shall see fit, and as often as occasion shall require." This deputation very carefully distinguished between regular and irregular Masons. Price came promptly to Boston and on July 30, of the same year, formed his Provincial Grand Lodge. On the same evening he received a petition for the organization of the first Lodge in Boston. The original petition is still in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The same authority further says: I am inclined to believe—that among those who applied to Henry Price on July 30, 1733, for the Charter of the First Lodge in Boston, were a number of brethren who had been Masons in identical territory at the same time, the "Moderns" and the "Ancients" in America in some of those earlier irregular Lodges referred to.

The foregoing is interesting history because its author intimates, namely, that Price organized his socalled Provincial Grand Lodge before any of Ancient York Freemasons in the Province of Pennsylvania" (27). This objection of the invasion of occupied territory is one of the most persistent and important in the list of such that have been charged to wrestle with the problems of life. The author has said about it? The quotation is of added interest because against the founding and continued existence of both African Lodge it's the Negro. We are glad this real of the fact that Price apparently permitted irregularly made Masons and African Grand Lodge. It is generally discussed under the caption American custom still lives. For these to sign the petition for that famous First Lodge of Boston.

Other than the statement quoted, no additional data are given concerning the origin of this supposedly "first" or "Provincial Grand Lodge," is energetically resorted to for the purpose among others, of excluding the organizations of the Prince Hall group from possessing any semblance of regularity. Its principle is that not more than one Grand Lodge can operate in the same territory at the same time, irrespective of the fact that its inception had reference to Caucasian Masonic various homes having been benefited by their sojourn here. Washington

been charged as constituting a grave blot upon the career of the Negro organization.

The same Massachusetts historian states still further that Joseph Warren was appointed Provincial Grand Master on May 30, 1769, by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but he fails to mention what Lodge spending large sums for entertainment composed the body over which Warren presided, while the subject is purposes, sound thinking persons will dismiss with this statement: * * * his (Warren's Grand Lodge has) realized that much of the adverse comment is undue.

his Successors.' We can now eliminate this group for two reasons: It must also be borne in mind that First, Joseph Warren, its Grand Master, was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775, and his deputation was not successful; secondly, conventions, as we in Washington very hat body was originally established through St. Andrew's Lodge of well known. The white race has set Boston which had been organized by 'nine clandestine Masons.' (26) a pace in holding conventions that Ne-

Melvin M. Johnson, the Massachusetts historian, through the introduction of a diary supposed to have belonged to Grand Master John Rowe, also, by reports reputed to have appeared in some of the news, these conventions, but nothing like the papers of the day, has endeavored to create a section in the history of a amount that is often quoted. At such Masonry in that territory notwithstanding the fact that official records of gatherings people assemble from all between the years 1775 and 1787 are missing records of an era that sections of the country, they are not of the utmost importance and value to the critical investigator only afforded a vacation which other scenes, surroundings have a wholesome and healthful effect.

Delegates and visitors return to their homes refreshed and better able to carry on the hard grind of earning a livelihood. They meet old friends and make new acquaintances. A convention is the modern market place and camp-meeting grounds of our fathers. At them we get new viewpoints on solving the problems of life. We learn how the other fellow has met and overcome the difficulties that we have been struggling with. For such benefits the small amount each individual spends is of little consequence. In the aggregate it mounts to a large sum, but this money rapidly finds its way into regular channels and indirectly helps us all.

in London. In Pennsylvania there were two similar sovereign groups, Conventions still have their place in American life. If any race needs to forget its cares for a short period of a week or two and feel better equipped to wrestle with the problems of life, it is the product of American inventive genius and have spent an enjoyable week with us. As reasons we hope that the Shriners

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CHAPTER II.

Having finally decided to petition the Grand Lodge of England or authority to assemble in the capacity of a regular Lodge, Prince Hall addressed a letter to Mr. William Moody under the date of March 2, 1784, (11), in which he advised Moody (the Master of London Lodge), in part, as follows:

Dear Brother I would inform you that this Lodge hath been founded almost eight years and we have had only a Permit to Walk on St. John's Day and to Bury our Dead in manner and form. We have had no opportunity to apply for a Warrant before now, though we have been importuned to send to France for one, yet we thought it best to send to the Fountain from whence we received the Light, for a Warrant; and now Dear Br. we must make you our advocate at the Grand Lodge, hoping you will be so good (in our name and Stead) to Lay this Before the Royal Grand Master and the Grand Wardens and the rest of the Grand Lodge, who we hope will not deny us nor treat us Beneath the rest of our fellowmen, although Poor yet Sincere Brethren of the Craft.

This request of the Negro brethren was acknowledged through the granting of a Warrant for "African Lodge No. 459," to be situated at Boston in Massachusetts, under the date of September 29, 1784. In due time this document started upon its long journey to the anxious group at Boston, but owing to a series of delays (12), failed to reach that city until late in the spring of 1787. Several of the newspapers of the day (13) chronicled the arrival of the document as an event of much importance and of great rejoicing to the Free-masons of color in the colony. An eminent Negro Masonic historian (14) has recorded that the officers of the new Lodge were duly installed "under the Warrant" on May 6, 1787, with its prime mover, Prince Hall, as the Master, Boston Smith, the Senior Warden, and Thomas Sanderson as the Junior Warden. The same writer further states the "Lodge continued to meet socially and otherwise at their Temple, the 'Golden Fleece,' Water Street, initiating, passing and raising such persons as were found qualified to receive the honors of Freemasonry." All that has passed before is a brief narration of the salient facts in connection with the origin of the first Lodge of Freemasons erected upon the American Continent whose membership was composed exclusively of Negroes.

This group of brethren having been formed into a regularly operating unit of the Fraternity, African Lodge started upon what later became an eventful career. The writer previously quoted (15) has recorded in his volume that a General Assembly of the Craft was

held at the Golden Fleece, 20 Water street, June 24, 1791, upon which occasion the African Lodge declared itself "by the assumption of powers, duties and responsibilities," a Grand or Mother Lodge, independent and sovereign, holding jurisdiction in other states and countries, recognizing at the same time the original Grand Lodge of England as the Mother of the Craft throughout the world. In connection with this procedure it must be very clearly borne in mind that those initiated into the 33rd degree at the meeting of the United Supreme Council of Accepted Scottish Rite for Freemasonry had reference to jurisdiction over Negroes only.

The same author quotes from a transcript of a Deputation nominating Brother Prince Hall a Provincial Grand Master for "North America and Dominions and Territories thereunto belonging," signed by Lord Rawdon, Acting Grand Master of England, under the date of January 27, 1791 (16). It will be noted that this reputed honor antedates the formation of the first Grand Lodge of Negroes by a few months. That Prince Hall was recognized as an important personage in Masonic affairs in the New England colony appears to be history.

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Thus knowingly or unknowingly, it appears that African Lodge followed precedents established by Mother Kilwinning Lodge in Scotland and by other individual Lodges in both Germany and Scotland and, in its assumption of "powers and responsibilities." For comparison with this procedure the records will inform the student that

the "Loge du Grand Maître" of Holland, which later and in the year 1734, was known as "Union Mother Lodge," formed itself into a Grand Lodge in 1756 (19); the Grand Lodge of Prussia at Berlin, Germany, was formed out of the Lodge "Royal York of Friendship" in 1756 (20); in 1745, the Grand Lodge of the "Eclectic Union" at Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany, was formed out of "Union Lodge." Probably the most outstanding of any of the foregoing illustrations is that of Mother Kilwinning Lodge (21). This body assisted in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and later withdrawing therefrom, it proceeded to issue warrants for the erection of constituent Lodges in the same manner it had done prior to its participation in the founding of the Scottish grand jurisdiction.

This phase of the subject is one of the several "objections" that have been brought against the methods of the Negro group and during the now famous Washington Controversy of the years 1898 to 1900 inclusive, was considerably discussed by numerous historians and other persons under the caption of "African Lodge did not possess the right to form itself into a Grand Lodge."

If there is any validity to the above contention, let us then, for the sake of argument, ask the following question: By what power of reasoning did the English Lodges that met at the Goose and Gridiron on that eventful day in 1717, possess the right to form themselves into a Grand Lodge? Were there not other Lodges then meeting in London that were excluded and probably not even invited to participate in the movement? At that time "written" Constitutions were a thing practically unknown; Lodges adopted procedure to suit their own particular desires and circumstances; therefore, the four Lodges referred to could have separately organized themselves into four distinct sovereign bodies, each operating independently within the same territory through the very process by which they formed one body collectively. The right of those four Lodges to found the Grand Lodge of England has never been questioned, therefore, the precedent having been fully established and by such competent authority, African Lodge adopted identical "assumption of powers, duties and responsibilities" for the purpose of Masonic government over Americans of African birth and descent just as the two bodies in Massa-

Tuskegee Hospital Head
Now 33rd Degree Mason

PHILADELPHIA — Among those initiated into the 33rd degree at the meeting of the United Supreme Council of Accepted Scottish Rite for Freemasonry (Prince Hall affiliation) Northern

Jurisdiction, United States of America, at its 54th annual session, Sunday and Monday, was Colonel Joseph H. Ward, director of the Veteran's Hospital of Tuskegee, Ala.

Colonel Ward is a former resident of Indianapolis, Ind., and a member of Constantine Con-

nection, At the same session, the 33rd degree was conferred upon Bishop White, Grand Secretary of England, bearing the date of August 20, 1898, J. A. Hamlett of Kansas City, Kansas, of the C.M.E. Church.

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same territory

D. C. CHIEF WELCOMES SHRINERS

Hazen Urges Group to Appeal for More Aid for the District

With a public reception Monday at the Garnet-Patterson Junior High School, Shriners from all over the country formally began their thirty-fifth annual session. They are holding their convention in conjunction with the Imperial Court of the Daughters of Isis and Knights Templar.

Louis W. Roy, grand master of Acacia Grand Lodge, was the first to welcome the visitors. In his address he said that "the Shriners come at a time when Washington is a beehive of activity, building a new social order on the rocks of justice." He stressed the fact that the organization recognizes no color line—only God and man.

Hazen Is Speaker

Melvin C. Hazen, president of the board of commissioners, welcomed the Masons and Shriners on behalf of the District of Columbia. He sketched for the visitors the workings of the District government and the history of the city. Mr. Hazen asked them to go back to their respective states and appeal to their Congressmen to give more to the support of the District.

Although it costs forty million dollars annually to run Washington, Congress contributes only five million, or about one-eighth of this amount, declared the commissioner. The Federal Government, however, owns forty per cent of the property of this, a Federal territory. The amount contributed is not enough to allow for the most in developing this city, he said.

Praises Congress

"Congress has been true to its pledge to divide equally funds for the education of colored and white youths in Washington," said Dr. Garnet C. Wilkinson, first assistant superintendent of schools, in a welcome address on behalf of educational authorities of the District. Continuing, he showed the trend of the Federal Government toward more aid for students of both races. (See SHRINERS Page 3) although education is a state function. Dr. Wilkinson praised very

highly the National Youth Administration with fifty million dollars at its disposal for the education of high school, undergraduate and graduate students.

The first assistant superintendent, however, advocated more state responsibility. "Such organizations as this," he said, "will do much to further a new interest in state control."

Judge Scott Speaker

In a spirited welcome address, Judge Armond W. Scott greeted the convention because of its fighting spirit which needs, he maintained, to be adopted by the race. Stay on the job, fight and do right, was his advice.

In the absence of J. Finley Wilson, Perry Howard, grand legal advisor of Elks, welcomed the convention on behalf of that organization. He complimented them "because you represent the cream of the race in culture, refinement, intelligence and Americanism."

Other speakers were Dr. Robert Williams, pastor of Asbury M.E. Church, who spoke on behalf of the churches, and Dr. L. S. Terry, who welcomed the group as the representative of the business men of the city.

Dr. Banton Responds

Dr. Conwell T. Banton of Delaware responded for the Imperial Council, Dr. A. W. Brazier of Louisiana for the Grand Encampment, K.T., and Lawrence Leake of Washington for the nobility.

The Rev. William H. Dean, pastor of John Wesley M.E. Church of Baltimore, pronounced the invocation.

SHRINERS CLOSE 35TH CONCLAVE MURPHY ELECTED POTENTATE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—(ANP)

With the election of John H. Murphy, Jr., imperial potentate here

Thursday, the 35th annual conclave of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine,

came to a close after a week of colorful parading, business sessions and hospitable entertainment.

ica. The Shrine organization knows no discrimination, according to the statements of various members of the Imperial Council and the reception accorded the group in Washington almost bore out, if not wholly, the assertion.

Other Posts Filled

In addition to Murphy, the Imperial Council elected the following officers:

In the election of Mr. Murphy, A. W. Brazier, of Louisiana, dependent Publishing company, history re-Jefferson, Chicago, imperial chief rabban; Isaac M. Caspar, West Virginia, imperial assistant rabban; Raymond King, Evanston, Ill., high priest and prophet; Frank Brown, Cincinnati, Ohio, oriental guide; R

Hill Brown, Atlantic City, first ceremonial master; Ira Johns, Cleveland, second ceremonial master.

Daughters of Isis Elected

The Shriner and members of the Knights of Templars and the Imperial Court of the Daughters of Isis, gathered here about 4,000 strong from all sections of the country. The sessions got under way with the welcoming of the S. M. Stockton, imperial commandant to the city by Commissioner Melvin C. Hazen, Judge Armond first lieutenant; Willie Britton, imperial recorder; Garnet C. Wilkerson, imperial second lieutenant; Rosa Norrist, assistant superintendent of schools, imperial high priestess; Louis W. Roy, grand master of the Daughters of Isis, imperial oriental guide. K.T., and Lawrence Leake of Accacia Lodge, and other prominent local citizens.

The Rev. William H. Dean, pastor of John Wesley M.E. Church of Baltimore, pronounced the invocation.

Each speaker presented the visitors with the proverbial "key to the city" and extolled the virtues of the capitol, as well as the organizations that were being assembled here.

Parade Is the Highlight

Following the welcome session, things got going, according to program, with the parade as the highlight of the week's activities. Ten bands participated in the parade which extended more than four miles, as the various lodges vied with each other in the effort to show their real marching mettle.

Floots of all descriptions dotted the line of march and the antics of the marchers elicited the applause of the thousands that lined the thoroughfares through which the parade passed. The rivalry between the marching teams during the parade rivaled that of the same organizations at the competitive drills held Wednesday afternoon.

Addresses Cite Progress
Addresses by speakers from various sections and walks of life were chockful of statistics showing the progress of the orders and what the organizations here assembled were doing to break down prejudice and promote the general advancement of the Negro in Amer-

the Acacia Grand Lodge of the District.

Other Officers Chosen

Among other officers chosen to serve until 1937 are: Walter C. Beckett, Pennsylvania, first vice president; John W. Barnes, Virginia, second vice president; Isaac M. Casper, West Virginia, treasurer; John L. Hubert, Delaware, secretary; and Lewis W. Roy, Washington, chaplain.

Messrs. Roy and Hubert are grand masters at present; the other officers are past grand masters.

Discussion Leaders

Discussions on topics affecting the various jurisdictions were led by: Willard W. Allen, Maryland; Isaac M. Casper, West Virginia; John W. Barnes, Virginia, and John W. Dobbs, Georgia.

Others who participated were:

Howard T. Greer, Ohio; Charles D. Freeman, District of Columbia; T. A. Brown, Pennsylvania; A. E. Dotson, District of Columbia; Leonidas Allen, Pennsylvania; Charles C. Quander, New York; John L. Hubert, Delaware; William A. Heathman, Rhode Island; H. York Harrison, Michigan, and Lewis W. Roy, District of Columbia.

Dabney Renamed Head of Masonic Grand Masters

WASHINGTON—Fred W. Dabney, veteran grand master of Masons, was re-elected president of the International Conference of Grand Masters at the biennial meeting of the organization here, last week, at the Masonic Temple.

The report of the committee on credentials showed forty-two persons in attendance. Among these were nine now serving as grand masters. Fifteen grand lodge jurisdictions were represented.

The next meeting of the conference will be held in 1937.

Following Wednesday's election of officers, a banquet was held in honor of members of the body by

Shriners Visit the White House, Chat With the President

(AFRO Bureau)

WASHINGTON — Promptly at 12:30 Friday, Marvin McIntyre, white of the White House secretaries, ushered members of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and Grand Encampment, Knights Templars into the presence of President Roosevelt for a ten-minute chat and an exchange of greetings.

The delegation was presented by Maurice Spencer, who told the President that this was his twenty-third time to present a delegation to a Chief Executive.

Didn't See Parade

Shaking hands with each member of the delegation, the President expressed his regret that foul weather kept him from reviewing their parade. He assured them that he was glad to see them even for so short a time, despite the fact that the closing days of Congress kept him so busy that he could not see more of them.

Expressing a keen interest in the organization, the President told the group that he depended upon just such men to reach the masses of people in this country. He said that he was particularly interested in the work of the fraternal orders represented, in that he knew something of their activities.

Dr. A. W. Brazier, deputy imperial potentate, extended the order's greetings to the President. He told the Chief Executive that the Shriners and Knights Templars appreciated the fact that he was doing all in his power to serve the American people regardless of race, creed or color.

After American
"Mr. President," he said, "as a fraternal group representing the Imperial Council A.E.A.O. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and Grand Encampment, International order of Knights Templar, we appreciate the signal honor which you have conferred upon us by according us the privilege of this inspiring

handshake and a word of greeting. "In line with the old aphorism, Brevity is the soul of wit, we promise not to abuse this privilege.

"Having come into this lofty position as President of the United States at a very crucial period in the history of our country, as American citizens, we are watching with keen interest the efforts which you are putting forth. We pray God's blessings upon you and may He give you health and strength to carry on. We thank you."

WASHINGTON — Promptly at 12:30 Friday, Marvin McIntyre, following:

John H. Murphy, Jr., imperial potentate, Baltimore; Harry Knight, past imperial potentate, New York; A. W. Brazier, deputy imperial potentate, New Orleans; Joseph Minor, grand master of the grand encampment, Knights Templars, Washington, D.C.; Stewart C. Jefferson, chief rabban, Chicago; Charles D. Freeman, imperial treasurer, Washington, D.C.; Raymond King, imperial high priest and prophet, Evansville, Ind.; R. P. Johns, Cleveland, Ohio; Z. Alexander, Charlotte, N.C.; Willard Allen, grand master, Baltimore, Md.; Isaac M. Carper, assistant chief rabban, Charleston, W.Va.; James E. White, Chicago; Cicero A. Lee, imperial outer guard, Washington, D.C.; William H. Kelson, Washington, D.C.; W. H. Perry, grand recorder of the grand encampment of Knights Templars Louisville, Ky.; J. H. Hankerson, chairman of the general committee on arrangements of the Shrine, Washington, D.C.; Louis W. Roy, grand master, D.C., Washington, D.C.

Maurice Spencer received the degree of past illustrious potentate at the Masonic Temple, following the group's visit to the President.

Arch Masons Meet

International Conference Holy Royal Arch Masons for the United States and Canada met Thursday night, August 22, at the Masonic Temple and elected the following officers:

Henry N. Gregor, N.Y., president; Lauman B. Johnson, Massachusetts, first vice president; William H. Perry, Sr., Kentucky, second vice president; G. W. Shaed, D.C., third vice president; T. M. Dent, D.C., treasurer; Thomas H. Williams, New Jersey, secretary; H. P. T. Stephenson, Pennsylvania, chaplain; Humphrey P. Jackson, D.C., sentinel. Prominent among representatives were: Fred B. Gray, Connecticut; L. B. Johnson, Massachusetts; Howard W. Greene, Ohio; James E. White, Illinois; Isaac M. Carper, West Virginia; W. H. Perry, Sr., Kentucky; M. C. Musson, New Jersey; Robert Stevens, New Jersey; J. W. Barnes, Virginia; Harry McKenzie, D.C.; H. P. Jackson, D.C.; William Thornley, D.C.

John R. Brooks, Rhode Island; Lee Eravelle, Fred Johns and S. R. Ball, New York; J. L. Hubert, Delaware; Charles D. Freeman, District of Columbia; Charles E. Minor, Rhode Island; E. R. Sheppard, L. W. Roy, A. A. Griffith, G. W. Shaed, E. G. Huber, all of the District of Columbia. The welcome address was delivered by M. E. Elvin R. Sheppard, G.H.P. of the District of Columbia.

John H. Murphy Victor Over Two Other Aspirants

Father Held Same Office
Quarter of a Century Ago.

DAUGHTERS OF ISIS
Afro-American
NAME MRS. STOCKTON

New York Team Wins
Competitive Drill.

WASHINGTON — John H. Murphy, Jr., of Baltimore, was elected imperial potentate by the Imperial Council, Wednesday morning, at the thirty-fifth ses-

ing, a quarter of a century ago.

One hundred ninety-one votes

were cast. Mr. Murphy received

ninety-seven; Dr. A. W. Brazier,

of New Orleans, received forty-

eight; Stephen L. Jefferson, of Chi-

ago, forty-six.

Other officers elected are:

A. W. Brazier, of Louisiana, dep-

uty imperial potentate; Stewart P.

Jefferson, Chicago, imperial chief

rabban; Isaac M. Caspar, West Vir-

ginia, imperial assistant rabban;

Raymond King, Evanston, Ill., high

priest and prophet; Frank Brown,

Cincinnati, Ohio, oriental guide;

R. Hill Brown, Atlantic City, first

ceremonial master; Ira Johns

Cleveland, second ceremonial mas-

ter, Thomas H. Williams, New Jer-

sey, imperial recorder; Charles D.

Freeman, Washington, D.C., im-

perial treasurer; Zacharia Alexan-

der, North Carolina, captain of

guard; Cicero A. Lee, Washington

D.C., outer guard.

Mrs. Stockton Elected

The imperial officers of the Daughters of Isis elected Wednesday morning are:

Dt. S. M. Stockton, imperial commandress; Dt. T. Carter Brown, imperial first lieutenant; Dt. Willie Britton, imperial second lieutenant; Dt. Rosa Norris, imperial high priestess; Dt. Beulah McKay, imperial oriental guide.

Dt. Laura Henson, imperial treasurer; Dt. Earle B. Musson, imperial recorder; Dt. Rena Brown, imperial first ceremonial daughter; Dt. Corabelle Barrett, second ceremonial daughter;

Dt. Alice Saunders, inside sty; Dt. Irene Henry, outside sty; Noble William Heathman, imperial advisor.

Crusaders in Session

The International Grand Guild Heroines Templar Crusaders opened its annual conclave in Masonic Temple with Grand Princess Captain Susie R. Saunders presiding.

Honorable Lady Rosa Norris, of Pittsburgh, international grand princess captain, with her cabinet, was presented by Princess Fannie C. McDonald.

New York Team Wins Drill

In the competitive drill held in Masonic Temple Wednesday night, Virginia, imperial assistant rabban; Raymond King, Evanston, Ill., high priest and prophet; Frank Brown, Cincinnati, Ohio, oriental guide; the drill team, under the command of Capt. Carey Blue, of New York, won first prize.

Drill team of the Sahara Temple, No. 2, won second prize.

The joint ball of the International Conference and Shrine was attended by 1500 persons, Wednesday night.

Maryland Masons Close Memorial Honoring Upton

Afro-American
Homage Was Paid White Man for Recognizing Colored Order.

TWO-DAY ASSEMBLY HELD IN BALTIMORE

Baltimore
China's Grand Lodge Has Representative

BALTIMORE — Maryland Masons closed their huge two-day memorial honoring the late William H. Upton, white, past grand master of the State of Washington, who rendered a decision recognizing colored Masons.

Drill team of the Sahara Temple, No. 2, won second prize.

The joint ball of the Interna-

ry, with a charity ball at the

Fifth Regiment Armory, Monday

night.

A mass assembly initiating the memorial began at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, in the armory and was broadcast over Station WFBR until 2:30 p.m. Willard W. Allen, grand master of Maryland Masons, presided. The principal speaker at the meeting was Harry E. Davis, Cleveland, former member of the Ohio Legislature.

Mr. Davis discussed the earliest inception of Masonry in England, continuing through to its beginning in America among colored men.

Organized in 1775
Colored Masonry officially dates back to the Prince Hall Lodge of Boston, established in 1775, by the act of an army lodge attached to a British regiment. Prince Hall and fourteen other men were initiated into Masonry at this time.

From Prince Hall Lodge came African Lodge 1, which organized other lodges in the seacoast towns of the United States, after securing a charter from the mother lodge in England. As a mark of respect to the first grand master, Prince Hall, the grand lodge adopted his name in 1808.

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National Ideal Benefit Societies.

National Ideals Meet I Norfolk Next Week

around the city. On Wednesday night the local committee will tender the delegates and visitors a banquet. All of the sessions will be presided over by Supreme Master B. W. Perkins with Supreme Benefit Society that a reply is deemed necessary.

The 23rd annual convention of the National Ideal Benefit Society will convene in Norfolk, Va., on Sept. 2nd, Sept. 5th, inclusive. Master B. W. Perkins with Supreme

Secretary Sallie B. Coggin will be present. The Richmond contingent will leave Richmond Monday on a special train leaving Broad Street Station at 2:00 o'clock P. M. The

Arrangement Committee for the convention in Norfolk is headed by Rev. D. G. Jacox and all of the sessions will be held in the New Calvary Baptist Church of which Rev. D. Y. Campbell is master.

CARTER REFUTES CLAIMS MADE AT IDEALS MEETING No Salary Attached To Office He Has With Society

In a statement issued Tuesday, Attorney James T. Carter of Richmond contradicts portions of newspaper articles discussing his relationship with the National Ideal Benefit Society, which held its annual convention in Norfolk last week.

B. W. Perkins, Supreme Master of the National Ideal Society, who will preside over sessions of 23rd annual convention, National Ideal Benefit Society.

meeting of the Executive Board will be held on Monday night.

Business Session Tuesday

The sessions Tuesday will be not the intention of this newspaper used to transact the business of the organization. Reports from the Grand Officers and other routine port faithfully all actions and of business will feature the sessions.

Mayor to Welcome Delegates

On Tuesday night a public session will be held at which time the delegates will be welcomed to the city of Norfolk by the Mayor. Vice Supreme Master James T. Carter, will respond to anyone, that is regretted and the address of welcome. On Wednesday the business session of the Supreme Lodge will continue full statement in the matter:

Text of Statement

The articles appearing in the Times-Dispatch of September 6, 1935 under the heading and in last week's issue of the Journal and Guide on the same subject which the delegates will be so lacking in truth generally, especially in that part giving reasons for the opposition to the undersigned as Vice-

Supreme Master of the National Ideal Society that a reply is deemed necessary.

The author of that article (not the campaign against my election was the Guide's) withholds his name, it is true; the supreme master's appointment of my but from a conversation between Mr. Roscoe C. Mitchell and the undersigned in the next breath, and yet, in the next breath, between Mr. Grant and another immediately following the election referred to (in which his reasons against my election were given), little doubt can be entertained as to who the writer is.

"He first says that the office of state deputy and vice-supreme master will be held an illegal position, for if it was illegal for him to have appointed me, would not want their nominee to be supreme master.

"In the next place, after saying that the appointee is already president of the Southern Aid Society and a practicing attorney, he remarks that, 'to add a third job to any person in this day of scarcity in jobs and positions is uneconomical.'

"And lastly he asserts that the selection of myself for the position in question eliminates the head of a family of four children.

Absolutely Untrue

"As to the first statement about combining the two offices of vice-supreme master and state deputy, I reply that that is absolutely untrue, because the first one is filled by election by the Convention, and the second by appointment by the Supreme Master and subject to his discharge; and I have not time to serve as Deputy for any organization. Mr. Mitchell knew this statement about combining the offices was untrue at the time he published it in the Times-Dispatch because I had seen him after the election in Norfolk and corrected this pretended ignorance as well as his pretended belief that the position of vice-supreme master had paid or would pay any salary whatever.

"As to his second statement about the appointee being president of the corporation named by him and a practicing attorney, I simply remark that this is well known. But how the adding to me of a third job which carries no salary is uneconomical for the Order or any injustice to the other party, is a proposition too absurd to be argued. Any uninformed persons would naturally conclude from these assertions in his article that the position of vice-supreme master carries with it a salary, even the salary of \$75 per month according to another statement elsewhere made by this writer, when in fact the position carries no salary whatever.

No Salary

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Choir was conducted by Mrs. Mandonia Wright Porter. They rendered several selections, after which Prof. D. G. Jacox explained the significance of the red, white and blue colors in the order regalia.

Supreme Master Perkins took occasion to give a detailed explanation of the order in which he pointed out the value of such an organization and the advantages of the Ideal.

Solos were rendered by Miss Julia Lee and by Mrs. Livingstone, who won distinguished honor at the World's Fair in Chicago last year. Prof. H. Simpson played and sang, "We are at the beginning of a new crusade."

a very beautiful selection.

On Thursday morning the memorial exercises for the lamented founder, A. W. Holmes were held. A sightseeing tour of the city was planned for the afternoon. At

night, the final session will be held in the church and the officers will be installed for the next year. The last scheduled event on the convention program is a reception by the members of the Norfolk district to be held Thursday night.

The list of officers of the supreme lodge follows:

Rev. Mr. Williams was introduced; B. W. Perkins, Richmond, supreme master; James T. Carter, Richmond, vice-supreme master; Mrs. Lucinda J. Carter, Glen Allen, Va., supreme missress; Mrs. Sallie B. Cogbill, Richmond, supreme secretary; Mrs. Olivia W. Smith and Mrs. Helen Brown, both of Richmond, assistant supreme secretaries; T. L. Beverley, Richmond, supreme treasurer; the Rev. R. B. Taylor, Richmond, supreme chaplain; John Hewlett, Richmond, supreme right herald; Mrs. Rosa B. Atkins, Richmond, supreme left herald; Mrs. Octavia Parker, Baltimore, supreme right guide; Mrs. Maude A. Morrisette, Philadelphia, supreme left guide; Samuel Dennis, Richmond, supreme sentinel; Zack Jones, Diascond, Va., supreme outer guard; and Mrs. Ellen B. Taylor, Philadelphia, honorary past supreme mistress.

Officers of the nursery department are: Mesdames Fannie H. Ricks, West Philadelphia, president; Jennie B. Sanders, 1st vice-president; Susie Fowler, 2nd vice-president; Clemie L. Perkins, 3rd vice-president; Mary E. Freeman, prelate; Jessie B. Taylor, secretary; Rebecca Jackson, conductor (succeeding Mrs. Rosa V. Allen, deceased); Edna C. Brown, assistant conductor; Mary E. Page inside guard; and Pearl Randolph, outside guard.

The board of directors consists of B. W. Holmes, L. J. Carter, John L. Holmes, S. B. Cogbill, T. L. Beverley, Mrs. Ellen B. Taylor, Mrs. Nannie Bracey, R. B. Taylor, the Rev. W. L. Anderson, George A. Arvin, Mrs. Fannie H. Ricks, James T. Carter, R. T. Jackson, Walter Baddy, and Mrs. Olivia W. Smith, executive secretary. Messrs Taylor and Jackson succeeded Messrs. John S. Powell and Amos C. Clarke.

Auditors are Mrs. Alma L. Chapman and the Rev. R. B. Taylor. "The Seven Laws of Achievement" was the theme of the installation address that was the vice.

main feature of the final meeting of the National Ideal Benefit Society, Incorporated, held in the

New Calvary Baptist Church here, Thursday night, September 5. The installation address was delivered by the Rev. F. W. Williams, pastor of the Central Baptist Church in this city.

The seven laws of achievement are: have an ideal—a vision; be enthusiastic; cultivate patience; be of good courage; use your head; practice the golden rule; and look on the bright side of things. "The

hour has come for action and conquest," said the local minister, Prof. H. Simpson played and sang, "We are at the beginning of a new crusade."

The only people who ever got

anywhere are those who set up high ideals," averred Rev. Mr. Williams. Continuing he said that courage was a primal virtue; it was the universal virtue."

Speaking on his last law the speaker, just before closing, revealed a scientific fact, that it takes sixty-four muscles of the face to make a frown and only thirteen to make a smile. This startling fact drew a great deal of interest from the delegates.

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The first five prizes to the lodges were won, respectively, by Blooming Zion of Petersburg; Ideal Banner, Philadelphia; Star of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh; Unity, Norfolk; and Trinity, Richmond.

The first four prizes for the Philadelphia, supreme left guide; nurseries were won respectively by Alberta, Philadelphia; Ideal Banner, Philadelphia; Primrose, Roanoke; and Blooming Rose, Richmond. These prizes were tokens of appreciation from the supreme

lodge for their efforts in getting new members to join the two departments.

Just before the adjournment of the meeting and the subsequent banquet held in the back of the church, the committee of 37 from the local lodges marched around the church lead by Chairman D. G. Jacox and H. P. Miller, local

deputy. This committee was favored with a vote of thanks from the floor of the convention.

On Thursday afternoon the memorial exercises were held for Alexander Watson Holmes, deceased founder of the order. Mr. Holmes was beloved by all who knew him intimately and his death on January 10, was mourned by the entire order. This attitude

permitted the meeting from the

start and all of the pent up sorrow was released at the memorial service.

Three minute eulogies were delivered by the Rev. F. W. Williams, pastor of the Central Baptist Church in this city.

ST. LUKES ORDER IN Journal and SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION in Quebec, Canada

Journal and Guide Bureau

RICHMOND — Wednesday night, August 21, marked the closing of one of the most successful conventions every held by the Independent Order of St. Luke. It must not be overlooked, however, that in the very outset that this great body mourned the loss of its grand secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, and set themselves to the task of carrying out what the late Mrs. Walker might have designed.

8-31-35 The body, without hesitancy, Tuesday night, named Mrs. Lillian

S. Bazley to succeed Mrs. Maggie L. Walker as R. W. G. Secretary.

Following the reading of the bi-annual report by Mrs. Bazley, who had been in charge since Mrs. Walker's death, she was chosen. The office of secretary-treasurer was abolished. The invalid chair in which Mrs. Walker sat during the years she so ably piloted the maneuverings of the St. Luke organization, was made as slowly and reverently rolled down the aisle of the Sixth Mount Zion Church, where the convention was held, by Alphonso Williams, who so faithfully attended to Mrs. Walker until her death. Draped in mourn-who has served the order for more than thirty-two years. A printed chair bore the insignias, "Lest We Forget," "Carry On." Weeping was within the order.

prevalent among men, while women grew hysterical under the strain of such tense moments. Much evidence was at hand to show that the life and service of the late Mrs. Walker had its re-birth in the

gathered to witness the convention. A pilgrimage was also made to and to pay tribute to a distinguished builder. In spite of a down pour of rain Monday afternoon, more than a hundred cars filed into the cemetery bearing following of one of Richmond's most highly respected pioneers who paid homage to their fallen leader. A beautiful wreath was placed on the grave by the pilgrimage, that quietly dispersed.

Mrs. Bankett A Candidate

Mrs. Lelia W. Bankett, prominent fraternal and religious leader was a candidate for the office left vacant by Mrs. Walker and filled by Mrs. Bazley. It was thought by many that Mrs. Bankett would be named for the office. Many of her constituents gave to her their support.

Saturated with the Mrs. Maggie L. Walker spirit, the body adjourned Wednesday evening to return to their several places of duty

full of hope and confidence that the Order of St. Luke will "Carry On."

Mrs. Lillian H. Payne, manager printing department; Walker H. Quarles, Jr., secretary to secretary.

Executive Board

Virginia: the Rev. O. J. Allen, George W. Coleman, Mrs. Sallie W. Dickerson, the Rev. W. I. Johnson, Mrs. Ella O. Waller, J. Thomas Hewin, Dr. William H. Hughes, Mrs. Sallie Free. Mrs. Mary V. Binga, Mrs. Frances Cox;

West Virginia: Mrs. Josephine D. Canady;

Illinois: Mrs. Sara Collier;

New York: the Rev. George H. Simms;

Pennsylvania: Mrs. Josie A. Graham;

Maryland: the Rev. Junius Gray;

Massachusetts: Mrs. Anna J. Evans, honorary;

Connecticut: Joshua Monroe;

New Jersey: Mrs. Ollie G. Brown;

District of Columbia: M. M. Peace;

Georgia: Mrs. Florence McCoy.

JUVENILE BRANCH

Grand Officers

Miss Maria Burke, directress, Virginia; John S. Savage, patron, New York; Miss Marietta O. Johnson, vice deputy matron, Virginia; Mrs. E. V. Jackson, messenger, West Virginia; Mrs. Eva Morrison, inside sentinel, New Jersey; Mrs. Ada Fauntleroy, outside sentinel, New York;

Juvenile Board

Board: George W. Coleman, Mrs. Mary V. Binga and Mrs. Lucy H. Henderson.

Pilgrimage Made

The opening day, Monday, was given over to the juvenile department, Miss Maria L. Burke, directress, Mrs. Emeline Johnson, grand memories of the crowd that had secretary.

gathered to witness the convention. A pilgrimage was also made to the grave of Mrs. Walker and a wreath placed upon it. Approximately 500 persons attended the cemetery bearing following of one of services held in a down-pour of rain. Public exercises were held on Tuesday night at the Sixth Mount Zion Church, the Rev. W. G. Browne delivering the principal address. A reception for the delegates followed.

Wednesday morning was devoted to the reading of reports.

Other Officers Elected

Other officers chosen were:

Mrs. Sarah Pace, chief, West Virginia;

Harry J. White, vice chief, New York;

Harry Braxton, messenger, Virginia; D. S.

Woolfolk, prelate, Virginia; Mrs. Lannia

B. Scott, inside sentinel, New Jersey;

Mrs. A. B. Johnson, outside sentinel,

Pennsylvania;

Departmental Heads

John S. Collins, chief supervising depu-

ty; Lelia W. Bankett, general field sec-

retary; Albert R. Graves, head of assist-

ant;

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Royal Order of Menelik.

~~Negro Lodge May Change Name; Will Avoid Foreign Entanglements~~

By BEN HARDY,

Associated Press Staff Writer.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 30.—(AP)—

The Royal Order of Menelik and the Princesses of Abyssinia is considering changing its corporate title to avoid suspicion of foreign entanglements.

The corporation has been doing business as a negro benevolent organization in Virginia for 25 years and, a dusky member from Norfolk assured state employees, has no connection whatever with war-torn Ethiopia.

A search of the state corporation commission's records revealed a number of other organizations with picturesque titles, derived from Biblical and historical sources. Others take their names from birds, animals or the nature of the organization.

The "Poor Man Helping Society" was incorporated long before social security arrived on the scene, and is still going strong. The charter of the "Married Men's Golden Leaf Protective Association" has been revoked, however—possibly because the members couldn't get out to attend meetings.

The "Seven Buzzards' Beneficial Club No. 1" has disbanded—the seven having failed to pay their state fees.

The "Lily of the Valley Association" also seems to be wilting: it has been notified to submit its report and remit the fee or have its charter revoked.

Several years ago a miniature golf concern was chartered as the Fresh Air Golf Club of America, Incorporated, Incorporated. It issued stock and everything.

Other grandiloquent titles on the corporation's books, principally bestowed on fraternal and benevolent organizations, include:

Grand Household Faith of Jacob. Independent Grand United Order Household of Queen Esther.

Grand United Order of Sons and Daughters of Promise.

District Grand Tabernacle No. 2 of Virginia, G. G. A. O. of Brothers and Sisters of Love and Charity.

Grand Excepted Order Pilgrim Travelers of North America.

Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers.

Grand Lodge, Benevolent Protective Herd of Buffaloes of the World.

Grand Lodge of the White Wings Social and Beneficial Association.

The Grand United Order of the Ark of Safety, Incorporated.

The Grand United Order of Prodigal Sons of America.

Improved Order Shepherds and Daughters of Bethlehem.

International Order of Twelve Knights and Daughters of Tabor.

Loving Union Lodge of Joshua.

The Supreme United Order of Ants, Incorporated.

Messengers of Peace and Followers of Noah's Ark.

Patience, Industrial and Goodness Social Club.

Supreme Lodge, Grand United Order of Pigeons of America.

United Order of Frogs.

Royal Sons of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria.

Sons and Daughters of Rescue, Incorporated.

Supreme Grand Lodge, Independent World, Incorporated.

Supreme Grand Tribe of the Industrious.

Supreme Grand Lodge, Independent Benevolent Mohawks of North America.

Supreme Improved Beneficial Order of Hawks.

Supreme Lodge Benevolent Protective Herd of Bronchoes of America, Incorporated.

United Order of the Sons and Daughters of the Four and Twenty Elders.

Delegates from Ten States at Tents' Session

(Afro-American)
PHILADELPHIA.—The thirty-third biennial session of the Right Worthy National Grand Encampment of the United Order of Tents opened at Varrick A.M.E. Zion Church, Nineteenth and Catherine Streets, last Tuesday.

The order, which is eighty-four years old, claims to be the oldest organization next to the Odd Fellows.

9-7-35

Men Strictly Excluded
With a membership of over 2,000, it is the only organization of its kind founded, organized and managed by women. With the exception of invited speakers, men, even newspaper reporters, are strictly prohibited from attending any of its sessions.

Delegates reported from South Carolina, North Carolina, District of Columbia, Delaware, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Resolutions Passed

Ten minutes in silent prayer were spent for Ethiopia after which a resolution was passed entitled, "Passing of War Clouds Over Ethiopia."

Resolutions on temperance, not only in strong drink, but also in dress, smoking and speech were likewise passed.

Juvenile Service Held

At the Thursday afternoon sessions devoted to juveniles, four bus loads and many private cars, brought young women from Brooklyn, N.Y., New York City, Chester, Pa., Bryn Mawr, Pa., Media, Pass-town, Pa., Claymont, Del., and many other cities.

Dr. John P. Turner, member of the Philadelphia school board, was the guest speaker, selecting as his topic, "General Plans for the Improvement of the Race," to which Mrs. Emma L. Anderson, social worker, of Boston, responded.

A prayer was joined in by all for the preservation of America that she might be an example to civilization.

Superintendents Present

Seven superintendents were present, as follows:

H. A. Purnsley, Chester; F. E. Lane, New York; A. M. Ward, Norfolk, Va.; M. S. Gale, Brooklyn; H. A. Milford, Norristown, Pa.; M. G. Goode, Danville, Va., and

A. J. Valentine, Chester.
The following officers were also in attendance:

Maud Manus, R.W.N.G.S.M.; J. B. Goldsborough, R.W.N.G.J.M.; Mary E. Oliver, secretary; L. Cheatman, treasurer; Nettie Callows, oratress; D. Lucal, assistant conductor; Susie Fulford, R.W.N.G.M. of W.; Sadie Craig, inside tyleress, and Annie Harriway, outside tyleress.

Other officials on committees were:

Mary H. Maxfield, Emma Brown, Annie R. Spriggs, Mary E. Mitchell, Annie Fassett, Carrie O. Brown, Virginia King;

Lottie Vinters, Nellie Collins, Lottie B. Wilson, Celestine Holmes, Bermer Young and Mabel P. Jackson.

Secret Societies-1935

Woodmen of Union.

Woodmen Lose Valuable Properties In Arkansas

6-8-35

R. F. C. Forecloses On Woodmen of Union Building In
Hot Springs.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., June 6—The Woodmen of Union building in this city together with other properties owned by that fraternal organization in Little Rock, Ark and Durham, N. C., was knocked down to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation at foreclosure sale in front of the Garland County Courthouse on Friday, May 29. This sale was to satisfy a mortgage placed upon these properties by John L. Webb, the former Woodmen Head. The original loan of \$180,000 had grown to almost \$200,000 with the accrued interest. The R. F. C. had advanced the money and it was sold to that corporation on their bid of \$125,000 leaving a deficiency judgment of something like \$75,000. Thus has crumbled the empire that Webb once sought to build up.

Harlem Lives Kappas and A.K.A.'s a Warm Welcome

Governor Herbert Lehman Sends Letter To Delegates

By CLEVELAND C. ALLEN

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—A letter from Governor Herbert H. Lehman welcoming the delegates of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity to the City of New York featured opening sessions of the sorority and fraternity in the Great Hall on the campus of the College of New York last Wed. evening. The conclave and

fraternity at the Winter Garden Kappa Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi formal dance at the Winter Garden Casino, party and breakfast by the Epsilon chapter of the Zeta-Phi Beta sorority.

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A.K.A.'s a Warm Welcome

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

Pool Brains, Ward Tells Kappa Group

Degrees and Frats Must

Officer Declares..

Be Forgotten, Medical

Civic Work Urged

By A.K.A. Correspondent

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"My last suggestion is that from the facts gathered, the community leaders pick out one or more objectives for improvement, behind which they can throw the largest amount of public sentiment, then carry the case by systematic calm, deliberate, persistent effort to those who are in position to produce the desired results.

"Make the public see that the welfare of every citizen is wrapped in the welfare of every other citizen, be he black or white; that the advancement of any one means the advancement of all," Colonel Ward emphasized.

Mrs. Hunton Speaks

Mrs. Hunton, referring to the economic strain and stress in the world, said:

"The unrest and misery in the world today is no romantic illusion. Because of all this distinct vibration, making the world a little less sane, a little more disorganized, it is difficult to be prophetic about the future.

"However, one thing is very clear and that is, whatever may have been the preconceived plans on the program of the groups represented here tonight, it is most important to be very sure that it is adequate to deal with the crucial facts of our life today.

"This must be done, not as a fad, but as a logical, consequential task, requiring courage, enthusiasm and patience, if not more."

Links Interracial Work

Speaking on interracial cooperation, a field in which she has been active and influential, Mrs. Hunton continued:

"You here tonight are challenged more deeply than any other group up today to discover a way to change traditional thinking and attitudes so prevalent in this country, and to establish a new basis for intelligent reasoning and behavior in relation to people of different nationality or race.

"If we give this service in all purity, perhaps we shall find beneath the turmoil a rhythmic pattern, out of their despair and despair, men shall be willing to for outstanding achievement by w."

Presidents Respond
Miss Ida L. Jackson, AKA student, basileus, Berkley, Cal., and Jerome Perter, Kappa grandnarch, responded to the several speakers. Music was rendered by Gilbert Allen, pianist; Miss Anna Watson, soprano; Ernest Iby, tenor, and Miss Christine son, organist, all members of two respectable organizations. Dr. John W. Robinson delivered the invocation, and the audience sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Mann Bond, author, sociologist and dean at Dillard University, New Orleans, will be the principal speaker. The meetings will close Tuesday, December 31.

MEETINGS AT PORO COLLEGE START TODAY

End **Full Program of Social Activities Planned for**

Visitors

12-27-35
ST. LOUIS.—The twenty-fifth anniversary conclave of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity opens today with the registration of delegates at the Poro building at Pendleton avenue and St. Ferdinand street.

Hundreds of fraternity men, their wives and friends are here to participate in the various meetings of the silver jubilee. Kappa fathers and sons will pay homage to the founder of the organization, E. W. Diggs, Indianapolis, Ind., and charter members who organized the fraternity at the University of Indiana in 1910. *Aug 25*

Delegates From Everywhere

St. Louis is host this week to delegates representing graduate and undergraduate chapters located in almost every principal city from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico.

All business sessions will be held in Poro college.

Commanding the major attention of the conclave will be the Guide Right movement, a project of educational guidance for Negro youth; the scholarship fund and the housing fund. There will be citations for outstanding achievement by members.

The St. Louis alumni chapter which is host to the conclave will entertain with both open and closed formal dances at the municipal auditorium. The Silhouettes, an auxiliary of the St. Louis Alumni chapter, composed of Kappa wives, will assist in entertaining the visiting ladies. Social courtesies will be extended by other Pan-Hellenic and social organizations of the city. Many house parties and open houses are to be given for the visitors.

Sermon By Rev. Gomez

The Sunday program will feature the Kappa Alpha Psi sermon by the Rev. Joseph Gomez, member of the St. Louis Alumni chapter at St Paul A.M.E. church, at 11 a. m. At 2 p.m., Dr. Jesse Jerome Peters grand polemarch, will give a radio address over station KSD. The public mass meeting will be held at Lane Tabernacle C.M.E. church at 4 p. m. at which time Dr. Horace

Tuskegeans Join Iota Phi Lambda *Globe*

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Nov. 14—
(By ANP)—Eight members of the
"Tuskegee Institute family" were
initiated as members of the Lambda
chapter of the Iota Phi Lambda
sorority here Friday evening and as
a feature of the initiation participated
in a program which shows what
the organization composed of women
engaged in commercial pursuits
are doing.

The neophytes are: Mrs. James
Fair, principal of the Chambliss
Model School, Mrs. G. W. A. Scott,
acting principal of the Lonis Adams
School, Mrs. James Julius Flood,
Mrs. Laura Daly, U. S. Home Dem-
onstration Agent, Mrs. Freeman
Bradley, Mrs. Richard Harris, drug-
gist, Miss Emma Campfield and
Mrs. Freda Davis.

INDUCTED INTO HONORARY FRATERNITY *Courier*

MADISON, Wis., Nov. 21—R. W.
Hilliard, the only Negro doing
graduate work in the department
of Sociology, University of Wiscon-
sin, this semester, was initiated
into Alpha Kappa Delta Honorary
Fraternity, Nov. 14. Alpha Kappa
Delta is a national honorary fra-
ternity with 34 chapters in the
United States. The selection of can-
didates is made upon the basis of
scholastic achievement, social per-
sonality and attainment in the field
of sociology and the allied sciences.

Mr. Hilliard is a graduate of
Prairie View State College, in Tex-
as and is doing work toward the
Master's degree in Sociology, con-
centrating in the field of Social
Pathology. He is a member of the
Houston Alumni Chapter of Kap-
pa Alpha Psi.

Secret Societies—1935

School Fraternities

Omegas End 22nd Conclave In St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 4.—The Omega Psi Phi fraternity closed its Twenty-second Annual Grand Conclave here Sunday after a most successful session.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: grand basileus, Lt. the political life of the nation; that Lawrence A. Oxley of Raleigh, N. C.; vice grand basileus, William E. Baugh, of Indianapolis, Ind.; grand keeper of records and seals, J. Arthur Weiseger of Washington, D. C.; grand keeper of finances; J. B. Blayton of Atlanta, Ga.; editor-in-chief of the Oracle and director of the Conservatory of Music of Howard University in a very masterly manner; Herman Dreer of St. Louis, the only newly-way rendered several selections on selected officer. The 1935 grand his violin. He was accompanied by conclave will meet in Atlanta, Ga. G. Spencer Tocus, his life-long friend, of the music department of Jesse O. Thomas was elected its friend, of the music department of Grand marshal Vashon high school.

Among the proceedings of this conclave are the following: The conclave appropriate \$500 to aid Dr. Percy Julian in his chemical research at DePaul university of Greencastle, Ind., and \$300 to assist J. P. Davis in his work as executive secretary of the Joint Committee on National Recovery. It voted also to continue its membership in the National Pan-Hellenic council.

Saturday night at the formal smoker the brothers discussed "The Next Step for College Fraternities and Sororities."

Saturday afternoon at Central and affairs characteristic of such Baptist church, the fraternity held bodies, went on record in formulating a public meeting called a symposium with the following topic for discussion: "Needed Readjustments in Negro Leadership in the Light of the Present Crisis." The speakers were J. P. Murchison, associate advisor in the U. S. Department of the Interior on the economic status of the Negro; J. P. P. Davis of Howard University, National Recovery; Jesse O. Thomas, southern field secretary of the National Urban League, and Lawrence A. Oxley, U. S. commissioners to discuss the activities of conciliation in the U. S. Department of Labor with a program leading toward the liberation of the masses.

Mr. Murchison stated that the "If the twenty years of Sigma Xi means new leadership for the Negro must anything it should mean a re-examination and a re-dedication of our selves to our program relative to Negro himself who are supported the economic impovement of America's Black Man lowest down." He stated that the Negro must study carefully his situation, plan, and "Social Action" Committee which do the fundamental things of life has for its purpose the elevation of the socio-economic status of the

Negro mass through the leadership of the Negro intellectuals. Such a committee has been functioning which met here four days last week in the Young Men's Hebrews, but that refusal was made already in Greater New York.

A resolution commanding Governor Hill McAlister of Tennessee for the protection of E. K. Harris against mob violence was adopted by the Convention and forwarded to the Governor. The President of the United States and FERA administrator Harry L. Hopkins were memorialized to obtain the proper consideration of the Negro white collar worker.

On December 29, the second day of the Conclave, Professor J. Lewis was elected president succeeding Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell.

Professor Lewis, Beta Kappa and head of the Howard University School of Commerce, was installed by one of the founders of the fraternity—A. Langston Taylor. The other newly elected officers include Vice President James W. Johnson, Legal Advisor, and the Secretary-Treasurer, W. D. Allison, C. P. A. of the National Baptist Publishing Board.

The Editor of The Crescent and

the Vice President of the southern

district, Ras O. Johnson were re-

turned to office.

Student League Urges Phi Beta Kappa at H.U.

Radical Body Condemns Jim Crow in N. Y. U. Swimming Pool.

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OBELIN BROKE UP
BOWLING COLOR BAR
Afro American
Poor Public Schools of the

South Under Fire.

1-5-33

ST. LOUIS. (ANP)—Stress was placed on the problem of discrimination against colored students in schools and colleges of seventeen states including the District of Columbia and the establishment of a Phi Beta Kappa

Society at Howard University by the league of the Negro intellectuals. Such the National Student League asked to meet at the Catholic University here, Washington, a committee has been functioning which met here four days last week in the Young Men's Hebrews, but that refusal was made already in Greater New York.

There is a report that the league against such discrimination by meeting. No racial difference was having an inter-racial organization functioning at all times. Interest in the meetings was

shown by colored students or that colored students are refused teachers here. Sidney Williams of

swimming privileges at New York the St. Louis Urban League de-

University, it being said that the delivered an address of welcome at Women's Swimming Association, one of the meetings. Maurice

from which the pool is rented, Gates, organizer for the league, does not permit colored and white was a guest in the home of a

swimmer together. prominent white family.

Ward Case Taken Up

It was also stated that at Oberlin, colored students were barred from the town bowling alleys. This was broken up by the students going in a body and the whites refused to play unless the colored played. In the case of Willis Ward, football star on the Michigan University team, when Georgia Tech refused to play, the league protested strongly against such practice.

In addition to the establishment of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, other objectives of the league are to have colored students in Harvard, Oberlin, and Columbia dormitories. The body adopted a resolution to appoint a committee to lobby at the national and state legislatures to increase the state and federal appropriations for education and another to urge all students in universities, colleges, and high schools to join in an international strike on April 5 against war.

Would Abolish R.O.T.C.

The primary purpose against war, the delegates stated, is a campaign for the abolishing of the R.O.T.C. units in schools throughout the country.

Joseph Cohen, of Brooklyn College, New York, was reelected executive secretary of the league; others reelected are: Adam Lapin, New York, national high school organizer, and Walter Relis, New York, organization secretary. The next annual convention of the league will meet in Chicago.

The meeting moved off smoothly without any of the difficulties which attended its sessions at Howard University last year. At Howard last year the delegates smoked in Rankin Chapel and later caused widespread comment by holding an inter-racial dance.

There is no ban on smoking at the Hebrew Association. No strictly social affairs were held last week due, it was said, to the reputed shortage of funds.

Local Students Apathetic

Oxley New Head of Omegas; Next Meeting, Atlanta

Body Appropriates \$500

for Dr. Julian and \$300

to John P. Davis.

10 DELEGATES AT

ST. LOUIS SESSION

1-5-33

Murchison, U.S. Economic

Advisor, Is Speaker.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Lieut. Lawrence A. Oxley, commissioner of conciliation in the U. S. Department of Labor, was elected grand basileus of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, which closed its 22nd annual conclave here, Sunday, after selecting Atlanta, Ga., as the place for its 1936 meeting.

Other officers elected at the conclave are:

Vice grand basileus, William E. Baugh of Indianapolis, Ind., grand keeper of records and seals; J. Arthur Weiseger of Washington, D. C., grand keeper of finances; J. B. Blayton of Atlanta, Ind., grand marshal; Jesse O. Thomas of Atlanta, editor in chief of the Oracle and director of the achievement project, Herman Dreer of St. Louis.

The conclave appropriated \$500 more than 100 out-of-town delegates, including many who had its "The Next Step for College Fraternities and Sororities." On Sunday afternoon at Central Baptist Church, the fraternity and Mr. Oxley, executive secretary of the Joint Committee on National Recovery, held a public meeting, with the

Art Exhibit Shown

Special features of the ninth annual meeting of the Sigma Gamma Rho, meeting at the In-Wheatley YWCA, included an exhibit of the works of artists, musicians, and writers of the city. There were also a literary program in which Richard Banner, a newspaper critic, appeared, the awarding of a loving cup to the chapter sending the best report for the selection.

The speakers were John Prentiss Murchison, associate advisor to the U. S. Department of the In-Wheatley YWCA, included an exhibit of the works of artists, musicians, and writers of the city. There were also a literary program in which Richard Banner, a newspaper critic, appeared, the awarding of a loving cup to the chapter sending the best report for the selection.

2 Symposium Held

The officers were installed on Leadership in the Light of the Present Crisis.

The speakers were John Prentiss Murchison, associate advisor to the U. S. Department of the In-Wheatley YWCA, included an exhibit of the works of artists, musicians, and writers of the city. There were also a literary program in which Richard Banner, a newspaper critic, appeared, the awarding of a loving cup to the chapter sending the best report for the selection.

the national scholarship drive, and a musical program presenting Mrs. Zenobia Lawson Bailey, of Chicago.

Sunday, the Sigma Gammas attended a banquet breakfast at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, 6101 Colorado Avenue. Mrs. Zenobia Laws was heard in a recital in the afternoon.

Zeta Sigma Chapter, Miss Pearl Schwartz, basileus, was host to the sorority members.

Sightseeing trips and brilliant social events added to the entertainment of those in attendance at the meetings. Many St. Louisans contributed to the filled program and appeared as speakers.

1500 DELTAS STORM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CITY FROM FOUR CORNERS OF UNITED STATES

MAYOR EXTENDS GOLDEN KEY TO JEANETTE TRIP-LETT JONES, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Session Held On Campus of University Of Southern California

By FAY M. JACKSON

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 22.—(ANP)—Delta Sigma Theta sorority women, coming from the four corners of the United States, took Los Angeles by storm during their 13th biennial convention held here August 10 to 15, and Angel City lived up to a fine standard of hospitality in providing pleasure and comfort for the first official visit of this group of college women.

Approximately five hundred visitors, some Deltas, some Alpha Kappa Alpha sorors, others just sorority sympathizers, flocked to the city several days in advance of the convention meeting.

Jeanette Triplett Jones, national president of the Deltas, arrived late Friday evening. A number of prominent Angelenes joined sorors in a reception at the Hotel Dunbar, official home of the Deltas, where other grand officers were presented in an informal meeting.

From expressions made by citizens at large and other fraternal groups, Mrs. Jones, a distinguished educator of Chicago, impressed the Westerners with her great dignity, an unusually charming personality, and a fine intelligence which adapts itself to any and all occasions with great credit to the women she leads.

Open Meeting

Approximately 1500 Angelenes attended the first public meeting of the sorority held in the beautiful Bovard auditorium on the campus of the University of Southern California Sunday afternoon.

With Miss Pauline Slater, con-

to the West Coast was a dream long held by California chapters, according to Ruth Sykes-Webster, charter member of Pi, one of the hostess chapters, who gave a lengthy resume of Delta history and achievements, stressing, for the most part activities on the West Coast.

Objects of the sorority have been to secure the appointment of Negro experts in national, state and local positions, she said. To secure a fair portion of depression projects and to protest all injustices against the race, were other items mentioned in the program of the Sorority.

"In no instance has Delta Sigma Theta been known to shirk such a duty," she concluded. "We shall ever be in the vanguard with those who fight for right. The courage of the Vigilance Committee in fighting for the masses and the minority group which they represent stands out in attained results."

One of the many delightful features of the program was music furnished by a double sextet directed by Florence Marie Brawley, composed of the following sorors: Anna Griffith-Morrow, Emily T. Thompson, Iva Washington, Aurora Hoskins, Ida Bowman, Esther Griffith, Honore Moxley-Wallace, Ethel Bell, Marian McCord and Wathea Sims.

Edna Heard, dramatic soprano, was guest soloist, ably accompanied by Luvenia H. Dones. Miss Heard sang "One Fine Day," from "Madam Butterfly," and two Russian songs as encore.

Introduced by Elizabeth Hampton, Mr. S. P. Johnson of the Conner-Johnson firm here, presented the sorority with its annual scholarship award. Mr. Johnson paid a high tribute to the group in general and the noteworthy achievements of local members.

Response to the many felicitations offered by Angelenes was ably delivered by Peanette Triplett Jones.

"Los Angeles with outstretched arms offers you all the warmth and hospitality of her heritage," he said. "It is with truest joy that we welcome to Los Angeles the 13th national convention of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and we prize the opportunity that is ours to serve her every request."

Fraternal greetings from fellow Greeks were brought by Bert McDonald, president of Alpha Phi Alpha; Mrs. Edith Jones, regional director of Alpha Kappa Alpha; Attorney Edwin Jefferson, polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi; Lloyd C. Griffith representing Omega Psi Phi; and Mrs. Etta Green, representing the Delta Mothers club.

That the convention should come

ard University, is president of Alpha Phi Alpha; Joseph H. B. Evans, adviser to the director of the Rural Resettlement Administration, is general secretary; and Attorney Percival Piper of Detroit, Michigan, is general treasurer.

The members of the committee on award of fellowships and scholarships were, in addition to Dr. Wesley and Professor Logan, Dr. Robert P. Daniel, head of the department of education, Virginia Union University; Dr. Howard H. Long, assistant superintendent in charge of research and chief examiner in the colored public schools of Washington, D. C.; and Dr. Charles H. Thompson, head of the department of education, Howard University.

ATLANTA, Ga.—The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will again award this year the sum of \$1,300 in fellowships and scholarships, according to an announcement from the office of the fraternity's director of education, Professor Rayford W. Logan, of Atlanta University.

Charles Lionel Franklin, a student at Columbia University, has been awarded \$500 to help him complete his work for the degree of doctor of philosophy in sociology.

Myron Bumstead Towns,

teach in the Booker T. Washington High School, Atlanta, Georgia, will receive \$400 for advanced work toward the degree of doctor of philosophy in chemistry at the University of Michigan. Mr. Towns already holds the degree of master of arts from the institution.

To Henry Alexander Ryan of Le Moyne College, Memphis, Tenn., and to Wiley Mowman Daniel, Jr., of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., have been granted \$100 scholarships.

Two additional scholarships of \$100 each will be awarded later for the academic year 1935-1936, Professor Logan announced.

Other Activities

From the moment she mounted the large stage of Bovard, Mrs. Jones was the cynosure of all eyes. Speaking with faultless diction and clarity of thought, she presented a perfect picture of what the sorors love to refer to as "the ideal state."

Discussing the subject "Pragmatic Idealism," she said in part:

"Idealism is as necessary to our lives as those practical things which meet out material needs. The depression has definitely demonstrated that we need something more than the three fundamentals, food, clothing and shelter, in order to adjust ourselves to the changing social conditions of the day, and to live as complete and adequate life as possible."

Dr. Charles H. Wesley, head of the department of history at How-

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Convenes in Cincinnati

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Boule In Cincinnati Was

One of The Best Yet Held

CINCINNATI.—One of the most important and far-reaching Boule's in the history of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was held here this week at the First Baptist church.

Delegates were present from every "nook and corner" of the United States. No meeting yet held by this important organization has been attended by so many outstanding women of culture and refinement as the one in session.

The Christmas spirit of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Towards Men" pervaded throughout the entire sessions. Jovial girls with charming personalities and women with poise and dignity, artists, writers, teachers, lawyers, social workers, many and refinement as the one just concluded.

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Interesting programs were given daily and especially inspiring was the one given at the Calvary M. E. church. On this program evidences were exhibited that the Negro race possesses some of the most remarkable women of the day.

In music especially they have achieved fame and honor at home and abroad. The delegates heard Miss Mable Sanford Lewis of Chicago, coloratura soprano, in a program of song. The high tones heard in her rendition of Wekerlin's 'Sunrise' were bell like and done with the greatest ease. She has had a thorough training in piano and organ, possessing a bachelor of music degree and has studied extensively in Europe.

She was accompanied by Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin, well known pianist of Chicago, who was heard in a group of piano selections.

**AKA's Adjourn in
New York after**

13-Hour Day

Afro-American
Miss Ida Jackson Still

Heads Group; Kappas

Reelect Dr. Peters

BROADCAST FEATURE

OF 17th AKA BOULE

Salisbury
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AKA's Pick Richmond

Next year the AKA's will sit in Richmond, Va., where Dr. Zebulonia Gilpin has just completed her term as regional director. The Kappas will meet next in St. Louis, Christmas, 1935.

Dr. J. Jerome K. Peters, Veterans' Hospital, Tuskegee, Ala., was re-elected grand polemarch of the Kappas, while Miss Ida L.

Jackson, Berkeley, Calif., entered upon the second year of her two-year term. Throughout the meetings harmony is reported, and the majority of the national officers were re-elected.

445 A.K.A.'s, 25 Kappas

The official registers of the organizations show 445 sorors in attendance and 250 fraters.

The highlight of the A.K.A. boule was the national broadcast Sunday morning over the N.B.C. system in celebration of the twenty-six years of the sorority's founding.

With Miss Melva L. Price as narrator, members of the New York chapters presented two skits depicting the first meeting at which the proposed organization was discussed, and the later gathering at

which it was launched with the blessings of the Howard University president, after he had first objected to its secret rituals.

New Scholarship Planned

It was brought out by Miss son that there are now 2,000 A. women in 110 chapters, that for twelve years the various chapters have been giving scholarships to high school graduates ranging from \$75 to \$200, that the national organization has given four \$1,000 scholarships to foreign universi-

eight regional scholarships will be section, urging passage, and that given to help undergraduate A.K.A. all the sorors do likewise, thus causing a large number of letters to reach the national lawmakers.

Anne Brown on Air

Music for the broadcast was rendered by Miss Anne Wiggins Brown, lyric soprano, Baltimore, now a student at the Institute of Musical Art here; Sonoma Talley, pianist, graduate of Fisk and the institute, who played Coleridge-Taylor's "Bamboula," and Etta Moten, who sang "My Forgotten Man," which she made popular in "Goldiggers of 1933," and J. P. Johnson's "Little Black Boy."

Mrs. Clara K. Bruce was the speaker at the A.K.A. closed banquet; Leslie P. Hill spoke at the Kappas' banquet.

Officers Named

The roster of the present officers of the sorority is as follows: Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, Philadelphia, founder, honorary basileus, and supreme tamiouchos; Ida L. Jackson, Berkley, Cal., supreme basileus; Lucile R. Wilkins, Chicago, first anti-basileus; Ruth A. Martin, New York City, second anti-basileus;

Ruth A. Handy, New York City, supreme grammateus; Letteria V. May, Cincinnati, anti-grammateus; Irene C. Baxter, Philadelphia, supreme epistoleus; Althea M. Simmons, Chicago, editor-in-chief of the Ivy Leaf.

A.K.A. regional directors are: Edna Over Gray, Baltimore, North Atlantic; Alpha F. Rogers, Ettrick, Va., South Atlantic; Beulah Whitby, Detroit, Great Lakes; Mrs. C. Russell Harris, Nashville, Southern; Helen Finley, Wichita, Kans., Midwestern; Alice McGee, St. Louis, Central; Edith Jones, Pasadena, Cal., Far Western; Lois F. Davis, Galveston, Texas, Southwestern.

Kappa Officers

Grand chapter officers of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity follow:

Dr. J. Jerome Peters, Tuskegee, Ala., grand polemarch; Theophilus M. Mann, Washington, senior grand vice polemarch; Jesse O. Redmond, Bousfield, Mrs. Hilda Evans, of Washington, junior grand vice Washington, and Mrs. Laura Washington, and Mrs. Laura Knight, of Cincinnati.

Favor Colored Jeweler
Both the men and women adopted a recommendation from the National Pan-Hellenic Council, asking that all colored fraternities join in giving their jewelry work to a colored jeweler. Officers are:

Dr. Peters, Mr. Wilkins, James E. Scott, Washington; E. W. Diggs, Indianapolis, and Rufus E. Clement, Louisville, Ky.

Both endorsed the anti-lynching bill, but instead of passing a resolution, the sorority ordered that each chapter get people in its region to write letters to the Congressmen and Senators of their

AKA FOLLOWS for the race. UP PROJECT OF LAST SUMMER

Entire National Body Cooperates With Workers

NEW YORK, Feb., (ANP)

Skilled teachers and specialists in various fields of education who are members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority are to undertake for the second time their service project organized under the leadership of Dr. Dorothy B. Ferebee of Lexington, Miss.

After spending six weeks teaching and supervising the summer school from June 18 to July 26 last year, Miss Ida L. Jackson, supreme basileus of A.K.A., spent two weeks reorganizing the regular school department of the school and visiting the homes of many California.

who were enrolled in the adult classes and others on plantations more remote from the center.

As a result of these visits Miss Jackson recommended the addition of a health center as a part of the project.

Mrs. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee M. D., of Washington, Miss Zenobia Gilpin, M. D., Richmond, Va. Miss Myra Smith, M. D., of New York City; Mrs. Sadie Berry Montier, M. D., of Philadelphia, are a few of the practicing physicians, all Alpha Kappa Alpha women that are planning this organized medical service of the sorority.

NRA Fails to Reach

It was brought out by Miss Jackson in her report that the poor housing condition on these plantations, the very unsanitary conditions under which the families exist keep the race percentage of mortality high. She showed that the NRA provision rarely filtered through to reach the Negro share copper in any effective manner.

The very large families that are crowded into two and three rooms—the lack of sewerage facilities, the poor lights—the fact that mothers are required to go to the fields before health conditions ordinarily would permit, the fact that little children, girls of 7 and 8 years of age work in the fields, were given by Miss Jackson as reasons adequate for the sorority to put forth a greater effort to relieve and help improve conditions

14 Children in Two Rooms

These women are undertaking to help train the children and plant a seed of hope in their minds, and educate as a preventative measure, while they try in some way to combat existing conditions.

As a result of the work done by the sorority last summer at Saint's birthplace—Howard University, Industrial and Literary School, the Washington, December 27-30 inclusive, supervisor Miss Aronia C. Mallory, with Grand Basileus Attorney Walter H. Brooks, delivered a notice to the sorority that the State Board had granted the high school an "A" rating this year.

Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha and Ivy Leaf Clubs from all sections are sending books and clothing to assist. It is the plan of the organization not to confine its efforts to any one section of the South, for there are other areas in Florida, Alabama and Louisiana that are in similar condition.

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in Lexington, Miss.

Sigma Theta, Mrs. Isadore Miles; last year were, Miss Letteria V. Phi Beta Sigma, Prof. Charles May, A. M., Columbia University, Williams; Alpha Kappa Alpha.

University of Ohio music depart-

ment, Miss Marie Thomas, Lorelle Murray; Sigma Delta Tau, Hubert Pair; Phi Delta Kappa, Marian Sparks; Inter-Fraterna-

l Council, Grace Dodson; Omega Psi

Phi, Dean Benjamin E. Mays.

Applications are now being received from members of Alpha Kappa Alpha—teachers, dietitians, by the following: Jennie Green

Smith, Goldie Guy Martin Ion Trice, of Chicago; Maude Smothers, all members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

Presentations were made to Georgia Johnson, founder of Zeta Beta Chapter; Beatrice Catlett, basileus of Beta Chapter; Arizona Cleaver Stemons, one of the founders of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, and Violette M. Anderson, grand basileus, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, by Mary H. Plummer principal Francis Junior High School.

At the end of this meeting, a public reception was held at the Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A. where the visiting group was presented to the citizens of Washington.

Among the other social affairs held in honor of this group were: a formal reception held at the Lincoln Colonnade with Beta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority as hostess; Coffee Hour Sojourner Truth Hall, Howard University with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority as hostess; musical tea at the Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A. with the Inter-Fraterna- Council as host; a dawn frolic with the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Council as host; a bridge party with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority of Howard University as hostess; buffet supper with the Kappa Al-

National Boule of Zeta Phi Beta at Howard

Pha Psi as host; and a tea at the home of Mme Lillian Evans.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority celebrated its fifteenth birthday at its birthplace—Howard University, Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, December 27-30 inclusive, at which time the pastor the Rev. Walter H. Brooks, delivered a special sermon to the group.

The objectives of finer womanhood, sisterly love and scholarship brought together women from all Washington.

parts of the country to this Boule in an effort for concerted action.

Mrs. A. D. Cary, Mme. Lillian Evans, Mrs. J. C. Napier, Mrs.

Sallie W. Stewart, Mrs. A. Turnbo Malone, and Mrs. Casey Hayford are honorary members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority with Mrs. Julia

which time greetings were brought West-Hamilton of Washington, and

the following representatives of Mrs. Dixie Brooks, of Chicago,

fraternal groups: Alpha Phie elevated to honorary membership

at this session of the Boule.